

NEWS SUMMARY

£1.5m scheme to back risk-takers

A £1.5 million initiative by the Manpower Services Commission to encourage "enterprising, risk-taking and adventurous" people was announced yesterday (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

Marquess Heart aid on charge

The Marquess of Hertford is to appear in a Crown Court charged with ploughing up part of a Roman town buried on his land.

Sellafield's £30m bill

The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant, threatened with closure unless immediate improvements are made, will cost £30 million to put right.

Runcie bequest

The Crisis at Christmas charity failed to elicit a gift of old clothes from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who when asked to contribute clothing to the appeal for the homeless, said: "I'm still wearing them."

Shipyard jobs saved

An international consortium led by a Texas oil magnate has taken over the Smith's Dock shipyard on Teesside, which is due to be closed by British Shipbuilders in two weeks.

Liberal plan to close health pay gap

Liberal called yesterday for phasing "catching up" pay rises of between 10 and 20 per cent for health service staff, in a move that threatens the Alliance's efforts to keep tight control over its spending plans for a future government.

exercise and to simplify the pay structure in the NHS. It says that present injustices cannot be remedied by across-the-board increases and that "pay in the NHS needs to catch up with that in comparable occupations outside, and also keep up with further movements so that the gap does not widen again."

from 1980-81 to 1985-86 average earnings had increased by 49 per cent, while those of NHS ancillaries had gone up by 31 per cent and nurses and midwives by 39 per cent. Prices had risen by 39 per cent.

Shoot-to-kill investigation 'step nearer completion'

The second part of the report into allegations that the Royal Ulster Constabulary operated a shoot-to-kill policy is expected to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland within the next few weeks.



The mail mountain being sorted at Nine Elms office, south London, yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Head wins court fight over Brent inquiry

Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the head teacher at the centre of a dispute over allegations of racism, was yesterday granted an injunction by the High Court preventing Brent council in north-west London from holding a disciplinary inquiry into her case.

Gas acceptance letters swell record for mail

A record number of cards and parcels being sent by post this Christmas was boosted yesterday by 4.5 million British Gas acceptance letters which pushed up the day's total to 120 million items.

Defence contracts

Northern Ireland's biggest manufacturing employer has won a £225 million contract to supply the armed forces with a new generation of air defence missiles.

Dean calls for levy support

Voting closes on Thursday for the ballot of Sogat '82 members on a compulsory levy to relieve the drain on the print union's finances caused by the Wapping dispute.

Prince in appeal to business

The Prince of Wales last night launched a crusade to persuade British industry and business to dig much deeper into its corporate pocket and increase substantially its donations to charity.

Shorts' £225m missile deal

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BAe backs Boeing in return for Airbus aid

British Aerospace management is privately backing a Boeing proposal to provide the next generation of early-warning aircraft, in the belief that it will benefit from the political support of the US.

Heavyweight poser for airline pilots

and raising the risk of taking on too little fuel. The Civil Aviation Authority has written to all airlines telling them to increase the "notional weight" given for each passenger.

MI5 has a long history... CHRISTOPHER ANDREW'S classic history of the making of the British Intelligence Community is now out in paperback. Scholarly, balanced and highly entertaining. Hugh Trevor-Roper. A history of the secret service as exciting as any spy novel. New York Review of Books. Excellently informed, well researched, compulsive reading... A fascinating story of triumph and failure. Daily Telegraph.

Rover plan for shops to create 7,000 jobs

A £100 million shopping and leisure centre on the site of the former Leyland truck plant at Bathgate in Scotland was announced yesterday by the Rover Group.

28-day remands proposed

The Government is considering increasing from eight to 28 days the maximum period a magistrates' court can remand a defendant in custody at any one time pending summary trial or committal.

ICI fined £2,000

ICI, the chemical consortium, has been fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £200 costs by Walsford magistrates for polluting the River Weaver in Cheshire.

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PARLIAMENT

Country disgraced by Armstrong, says Labour MP

Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary to the Cabinet, had disgraced his country by lying in the Australian court in the Wright case...

Only one of those MPs was still sitting in the House. Mr Wright said that they had acted as conduits for a smear campaign...

He had been asked by a colleague last week what he was trying to prove. "I am trying to prove that the law as it stands is not working..."

What had happened in the 1960s had to some extent involved the same security officers as were involved in the 1970s.

He had disgraced his country and earned the justifiable contempt of Australia and done irreparable damage to the historic relationship between our two peoples.

Mr Campbell-Savours moved that the House should call on the Government to set up a judicial inquiry to examine the circumstances surrounding alleged attempts by officers of the security services to subvert the Wilson Government in the 1970s.

seemed to take the allegations seriously, publishing much material and doing further investigative work.

But I am told that he has had his difference with Lord Wilson of Rievaulx and that may account in some part for his views.

Lord Wilson had not been taken seriously at the time because the whole issue had been overshadowed by the Thorpe affair...

He did not believe that Mr Callaghan was fully aware at that stage of the implications of Sir Harold Wilson's allegations.



Mr Stanley Orme: Exodus of men from industry. Mr Peter Walker: Praise for productivity in the pits. Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson: Coal-fired power station concerns.

Attack on BBC's reputation

Who could deny that over the past 10 years the reputation of the BBC had declined, Lord Amman (Ind) asked when he moved the motion...

The BBC has no duty to uphold the Government of the day. But it has a duty to uphold the law...

Lord Willis (Lab), the playwright and director of Capital Radio, said it would be naive not to see the inextricable link between the Peacock report...

Walker urges caution in coal marketing

The marketing of coal in this country had to be carefully formalized because one customer took most of it, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said when replying during Commons questions...

Mr Walker said the coal board had given miners a direct interest in their own jobs through incentive schemes.

Mr Walker said that by March next year a major rationalization in the industry would have taken place.

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increase for the miners to reward them for this productivity? That should not be on bonus schemes but on the average rate of pay...

Mr Hunt: He should take some time out to reflect on the logic of what he has said. As a result of these magnificent efforts, in the latest earnings survey miners have once again been restored to the top of the pay league...

Mr Hunt: He has already heard the response to that. It is only by reducing cost and winning markets that the coal industry can build a secure future...

Power station report

Mr James Lammont (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) the death of orders over the past 10 years has led to the danger of specialist teams being broken up...

Mr Lammont: That is why the Government has provided support for winning overseas contracts.

Mr Hunt: I was very glad that the Labour Opposition should have chosen to remain silent on these vital issues for the future of the industry and for fair democracy in the trade union movement.

Court costs question is rejected

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, declined to give the total cost to the Government to date of the Peter Wright court case in Australia...

He was replying to Mr Tam Dalyell (Lincoln, Lab) who said that the daily cost of the action in New South Wales was £120,000.

Mr Luce said the Prime Minister put the security of the nation first.

Chamberlain row involves Whitelaw

Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister, has been drawn into the controversy over the attempt by Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet, to block the publication of the private papers of Neville Chamberlain...

He said that matters of security were matters for the Prime Minister, who had said in a recent answer that, because the court case was not finished, a precise figure could not be given.

Censure for Bank and Government

The Government and the Bank of England will both be sharply censured tomorrow for their failure to warn either tin dealers or miners of last autumn's tin crisis...

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) had asked whether the minister had read reports, one of which prophesied a power crisis with the possibility of blackouts.

Business help for the arts is increasing, says Luce

Business sponsorship of the arts continued to increase and it was the Government's broad strategy to fuel further expansion by ensuring that the private sector played a more prominent role...

ARTS SPONSORS

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) while not opposed to business interests giving more support and assistance to the arts, the only real way forward is for the Government and local authorities to support the arts on a public basis.

Mr Luce: We have to deal with the arts not in a narrow sense, but as part of a broad strategy including the public sector, through the taxpayer and ratepayer, through the local authorities, but above all the private sector, through businesses, and provide in this way a partnership to give support to the arts.

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Mr David Alton: Answer to question expected today. The controversy has arisen because, although ministerial papers are the property of the Crown and can be subjected to secrecy orders, it is not thought that the same applies to private papers.

Mr Alton believes that the Government is applying unfair pressure to the university. He said last night: "This smacks of the dead hand of the state being applied to academics who are understandably fearful that grants to their institutions may be at risk if they ignore the Government's request not to release the papers."

Mr Luce: I am happy to agree. It fits in with the Government's strategy that the arts should be for everyone.

40% of homes own shares

BRITISH GAS

More than two in five British homes now own shares. Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons question-time exchanges about the privatization of British Gas...

Mr Walker: On the latter point, yes. The actual amount spent on informing the public of the details and communicating with them was relatively small compared with the remarkable record in 1979 on average one home in twelve owned a share.

Mr Walker: It is important to realize that now for the first time 99 per cent of the employees of British Gas have a share in their own company.

Mr Walker: He has already heard the response to that. It is only by reducing cost and winning markets that the coal industry can build a secure future and protect long-term employment.

Delay 'legally necessary'

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, has to wait until he receives the full report on Sizewell in January before he is legally able to make a decision on the recommendations of Sir Frank Layfield...

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Civil Service and Oxbridge

The proportion of "Oxbridge" recruits to the administrative and higher executive grades of the Civil Service dropped this year to 47 per cent, compared with 59 per cent in 1981, Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuation) (No 3) Orders (2.30): Fire Safety and Safety at Places of Sport Bill, second reading.

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Police hope computer will help to solve murders of three girls

Police investigating the murders of three young girls are optimistic that the Home Office will this week provide money to enable them to trap the killer or killers using a computer.

The six forces involved in the four-year hunt have millions of words on file which they need to feed into Holmes, the Home Office computer system introduced after lessons learned from the Yorkshire Ripper case.

Every day the murder des-

siers grow fatter. Within hours of a child-molesting incident anywhere in Britain telexes flash to the murder headquarters, and detectives must sift through mountains of information seeking comparisons. Holmes could do it in seconds.

The Edinburgh HQ of Lothian and Borders police illustrates the problem. There detectives still work round the clock on the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged five, who disappeared from Edinburgh in 1983 and whose body was found in Leicestershire 10 days later.

They have more than 24,000 statements and 75,000 records, which they are ready to feed into Holmes immediately.



Susan Maxwell, left, Caroline Hogg, centre, and Sarah Harper, whose murders could be solved using a computer system specially-developed for the Home Office.

Caroline Hogg's case is being investigated by Lothian and Borders and Leicestershire police. Leicestershire already has Holmes, but has not fed the Hogg case into it yet.

Links already spotted convinced the six chief constables that there was a strong case to put to the Home Office. Det Supt Tom Wood, of Lothian, disclosed similarities already established between the case of Caroline and Susan Maxwell, aged 11, whose body was found on August 13 in a lay-by near Uttroxteter, Staffordshire.

He said that both were abducted within 50 miles of each other, both went missing on a Friday in July, both were found 40 miles apart in lay-bys near main routes, 400 miles from their homes and within 40 miles of each other in the Midlands.

Fewer links have been established in the case of Sarah Harper, aged 10, who vanished last March 26 from Leeds and was found 24 days later, 70 miles away, near Nottingham.

Her case is being investigated by West Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire police forces. West Yorkshire has Holmes and the Harper case already fed into it. Nottinghamshire has Holmes but has not fed in the Harper case.



Vicki Cooke, left, and Lisa McFall, both aged 17, spending a day as refuse collectors in a work experience scheme at Lewisham, south London.

Future of jazz centre under threat

The National Jazz Centre in London faces closure if a £1,637,000 grant from the now defunct GLC is ruled unlawful in the High Court.

Afterwards, Vicki, of Watergate Street, Deptford, said: "It's hard, but not as bad as I thought it would be."

(Photograph: Rus Drinkwater)

A legal spokesman for Brent Community Law Centre, which is opposing the application, said the jazz centre, in Covent Garden, was in voluntary liquidation. It faced extinction unless the grant awarded by the GLC to meet building costs and debts was released.

Westminster City Council, supported by the London Residuary Body, which has taken over many of the functions of the former GLC, yesterday launched a legal challenge to grants totalling more than £2 million, which were awarded by the GLC last March.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, for Westminster, told Mr Justice Webster that the GLC decision was unlawful because it failed to consult the borough, as required under the Local Government Act 1984.

Coroner's verdict challenged by police

The Metropolitan Police yesterday began a High Court challenge to a coroner's verdict that John Mikkleson, a Hell's Angel who died in custody, was unlawfully killed.

They claim the directions given to the jury by Dr John Burton, the West London Coroner, were "wrong in law, inadequate and confusing". Mr Robert Alun Jones, counsel for the police, is asking the Queen's Bench Divisional Court to quash the verdict, order a new inquest and declare that the standard of proof on unlawful killing should be "beyond reasonable doubt".

Mr Mikkleson, aged 34, from Windsor, died in hospital in July last year after being arrested by police following a fight at Bedfont, west London, during which he was hit on the head with a police truncheon.

While unconscious, he was put in a police van and then left on the charge room floor at the police station before being taken to hospital by ambulance. He died without regaining consciousness.

The jury decided that the unlawful killing was due to manslaughter as a result of the degree of care given to him after he was overpowered.

The hearing continues today.

TV star's complaint is upheld

A complaint by Bruce Forsyth against the Daily Mail is upheld today by the Press Council.

Mr Forsyth's solicitors complained that he had agreed to an interview only if he was granted the right to approve the copy to be published. However, changes in the piece, by Peter Sheridan, which appeared, went beyond ordinary sub-editing and changed the balanced draft into a hostile attack.

The paper's associate managing editor, Mr Mac Keene, said that the newspaper was not aware at the time of publishing of the full nature of the undertaking. Mr Sheridan said Mr Forsyth was fully aware that there would be substantial work still to do.

The Press Council's adjudication said: "The newspaper's explanation is that when it published the article it was unaware of the full nature of the undertaking its writer had given. He has told the Press Council that on publication the Assistant Foreign Editor was not at hand to emphasize Mr Forsyth's copy approval.

"This cannot excuse the newspaper's failure to honour an undertaking to which it was bound by its reporter. He and the newspaper have apologized privately to Mr Forsyth for what happened: the paper should have been prepared to do so publicly."

Community care: 2

Debt forces third of homes to close

In the second of two articles on private residential homes, Jill Sherman looks at how some owners are giving up the struggle of hard work for little reward.

An estimated one in three small private homes go bankrupt or close because they cannot meet the bills, in spite of reports that residential homes profit out of the elderly and mentally ill.

In other cases owners, often working and living in the homes, suffer from burn-out and emotional stress, sometimes causing marital breakdowns.

At present, most residential homes, which provide non-medical residential care, charge between £125 and £200 a week. Residents who go into private or voluntary homes are entitled to weekly board and lodging payments of £125 and £9.05 spending money, with no medical assessment of their needs.

Potential private owners quick to see a guaranteed income jumped on the bandwagon in the early 1980s. Homes have mushroomed and it is estimated that 6,000 are now operating, a 50 per cent rise over last year. In 1979 there were 25,000 people in private homes. Since then the figure has trebled.

Many owners have no management experience and fail to keep accurate accounts or have budgeting systems, according to Professor Malcolm Johnson, professor of health and social welfare at the Open University.

"The average life expectancy of a property is only three years. But 21 per cent of homes close within a year and 41 per cent within two years," he said. "About one in three of small proprietors who enter the field go bankrupt or leave the business with heavy losses."

Some people get out before they are financially ruined.

Boys used knives to rob women

Eight schoolboys who used knives and imitation guns to threaten shop assistants in a series of robberies were given sentences of up to 16 months' youth custody at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Judge Evans said that they had planned the robberies when women were working alone. They had assaulted some of the victims.

All eight had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to a number of charges in connection with five robberies and one attempted robbery.

The heaviest sentence of 16 months' youth custody was given to Satpal Gattaura, aged 18, of Masfield Avenue, Southall, west London.

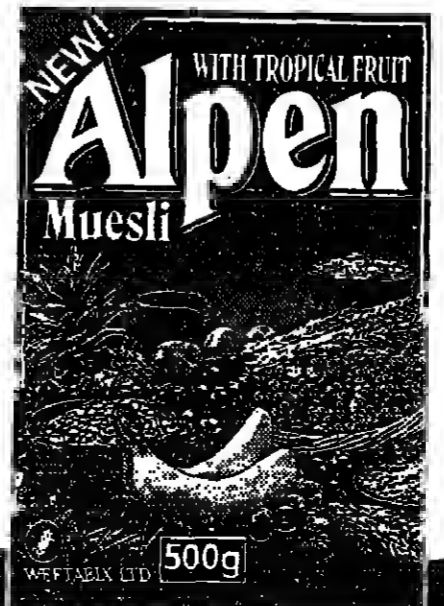
Also sentenced were:

- Norman Vaughan, aged 16, of Waslow Crescent, Southall, five months' youth custody; Marjinder Ghattaura, aged 18, of Cromwell Road, Hayes, Middlesex, 10 months; Ranjit Kalsi, aged 16, of Rankleigh Road, seven months; Samad Gokarnaally, aged 16, of West End Road, seven months; Rajan Bhola, aged 16, of Danson Wood Road, all Southall, five months; Bajjit Lall, aged 17, of Bycroft Road, Southall, was sentenced to three months at a detention centre; and Luckvinder Ahitan, aged 17, of Stanley Road, Southall, was ordered to do 60 hours' community service.

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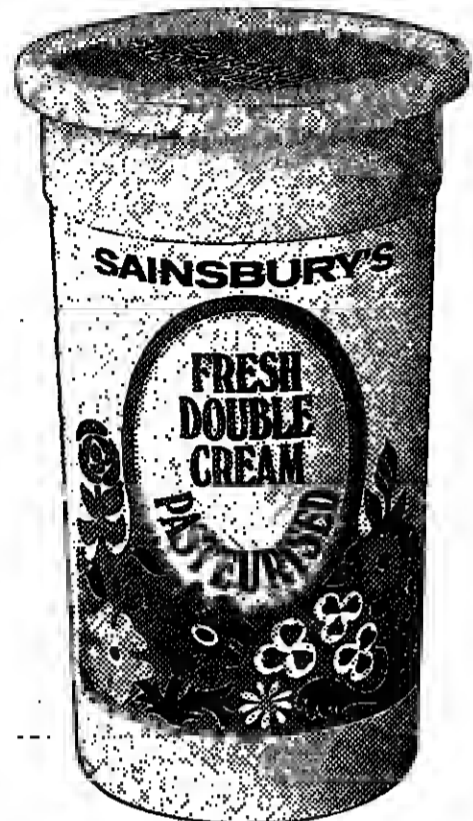
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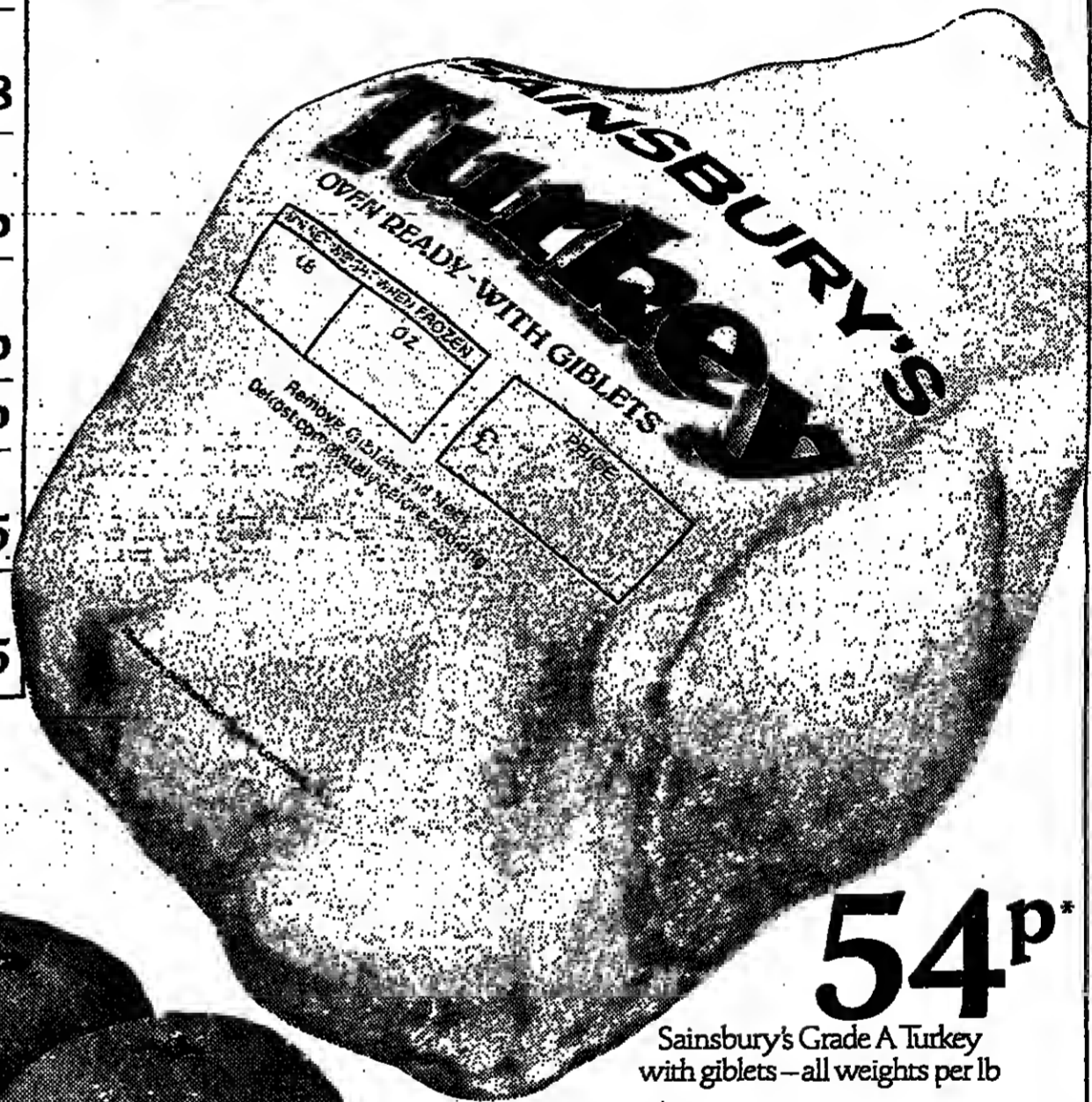


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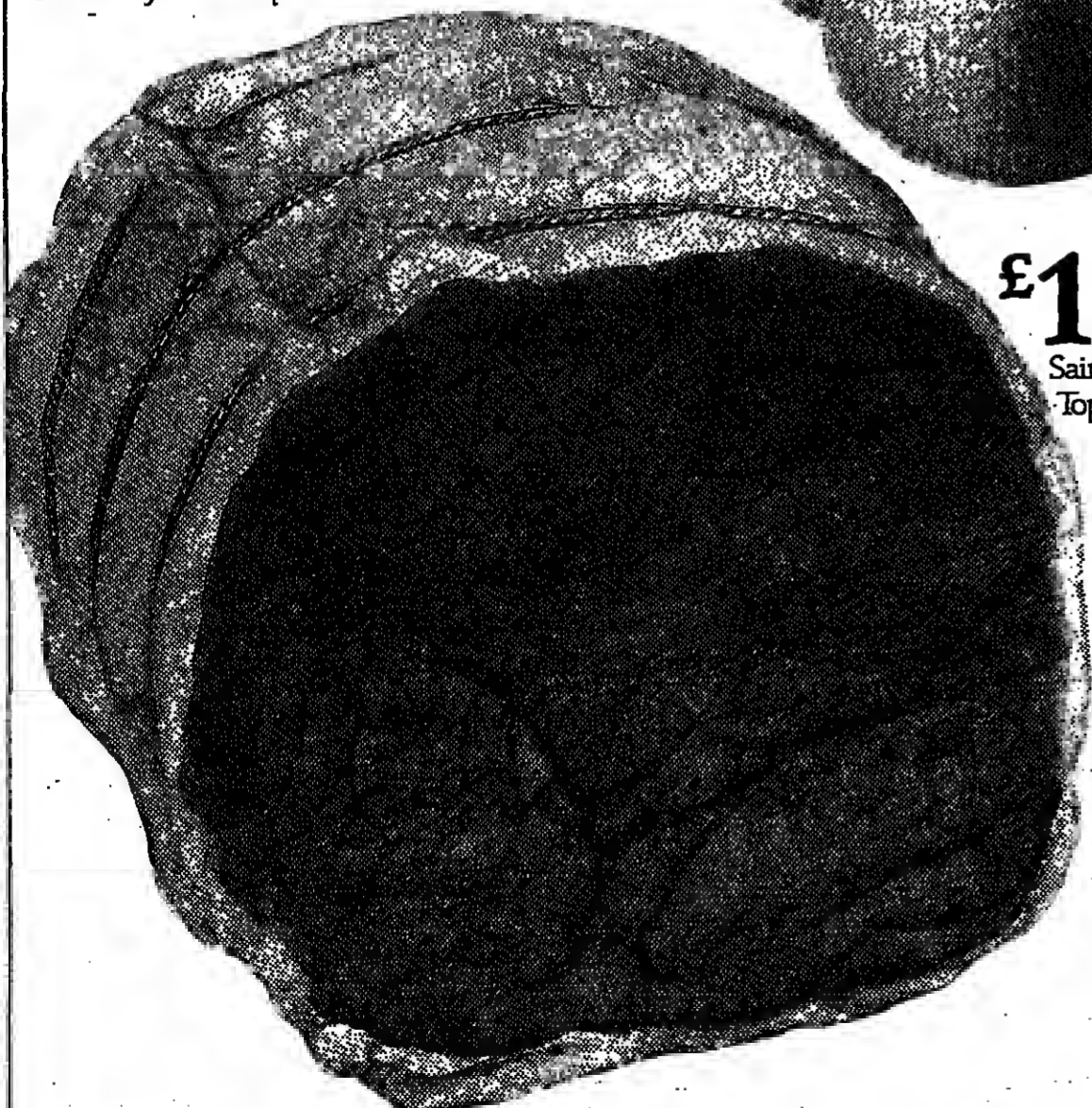
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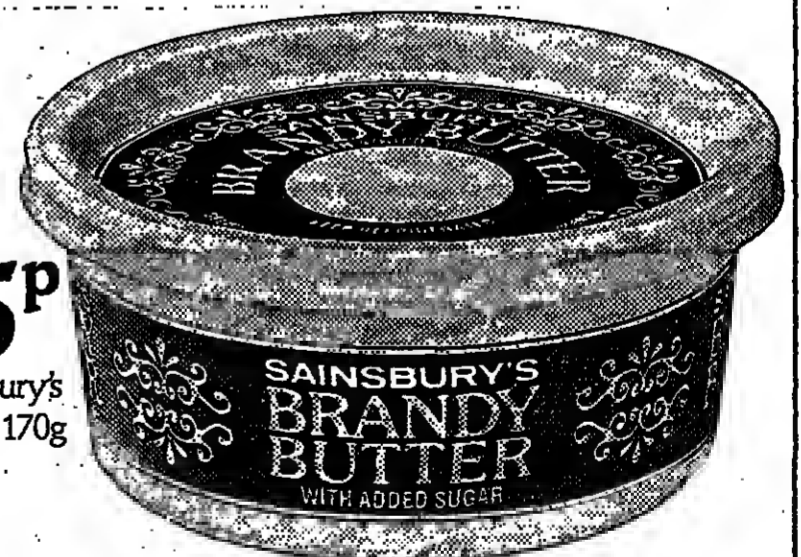
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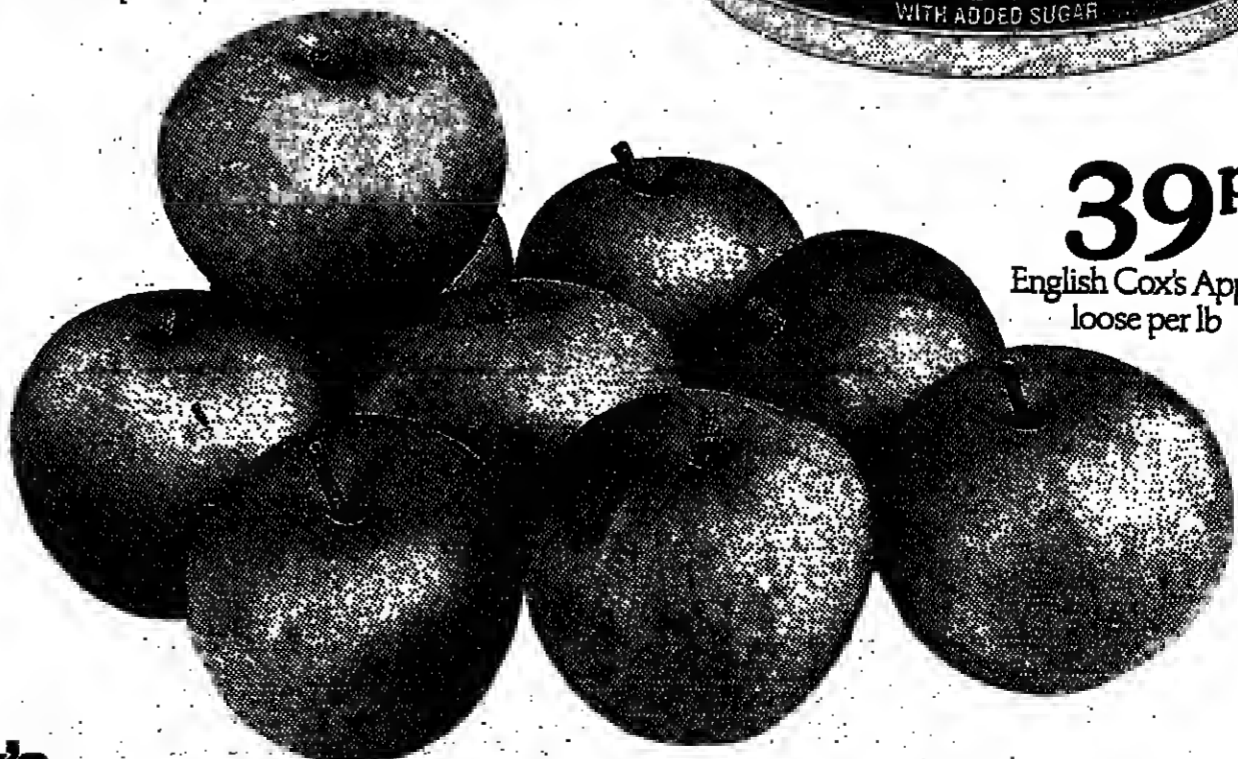
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Ethiopian envoy will not go home

Stockholm - Mr Teye Telahun, the Ethiopian Ambassador to the Nordic countries, announced his defection...

Mother's suicide bid

Paris (Reuters) - A young French mother, right, accused of drowning her young son two years ago in a mysterious case that gripped French public attention, was taken to hospital yesterday after attempting suicide...



Valletta charge

Valletta - The leader of Malta's opposition, Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, yesterday accused the police of obstructing the magistrate investigating the killing of a Nationalist Party supporter...

Protesters arrested

Stockholm - Police arrested 110 youths after a demonstration and an occupation of an empty building in central Stockholm...

Two rivers of big risk

Geneva - The Rhine and the Mississippi are so polluted by chemicals that "it is doubtful whether they can be regarded as suitable sources of drinking water"...

Dhaka amnesty

Dhaka - President Ershad of Bangladesh has ordered the release of 203 prisoners charged with anti-government agitation during martial law...

Voyager nears storm

Mojave (Reuters) - Pushed by favourable winds, the experimental Voyager aircraft made steady progress yesterday in its historic attempt to circle the Earth without stopping or refuelling...

Trinidad election

Port of Spain - A high turnout was expected yesterday as Trinidad and Tobago voted in a general election...

White House crisis: Berne freezes bank accounts allegedly used in arms deal

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The Swiss connection

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Americans upset, too

Cairo (AP) - Egyptians offended by US arms sales to Iran should realize that "the American people feel exactly the same way"...

Slow drama unfolds in Bokassa trial

Continued from page one extreme and arbitrary brutality - began his formal defence. "It is a thankless task being a president," he said in his slow, clear French...

The Swiss connection: Arrested American 'in Contra plots'

From Martha Honey San Jose Mr Sam Hall, an American arrested in Nicaragua on alleged spy charges, has for years been part of the Contras shadowy "private aid" network and has presented himself as a US Government intelligence agent...



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Church bells to ring in new black campaign

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg A 10-day "Christmas against the emergency" campaign - involving a boycott of shops owned by whites, the lighting of candles in house windows and the tolling of church bells - is due to start in South Africa's black townships today...

Ukraine struggles to cope with Chernobyl radiation risk

From Christopher Walker Zhyvzhevka, Ukraine Nearly eight months after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster authorities in the Ukraine are still facing huge but little publicized medical, financial and logistical problems coping with the contamination risks...

Swiss pair describe kidnapping

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg The two Swiss nationals abducted by South African security forces from Swaziland last Friday, and returned on Sunday, told reporters in Mbabane, Swaziland's capital, yesterday that they were taken blindfold first to Mid-dleton and then to Pretoria...



Chernobyl aftermath: Evacuees stroll through a new village, left, while, in the 21-mile zone around the disaster area, right, men still check the fields...



face the struggle to return life to normal, they acknowledge that Western tourism has dropped virtually to nil. Tamara, an intourist guide, said: "I am afraid that the capitalists are afraid to come here anymore, no matter how much we tell them that everything is o.k."



Despite the provision of new houses and flats, he said, many of the Chernobyl evacuees - especially the elderly - were demanding constantly to be returned to their deserted homes in the contaminated countryside closer to the nuclear plant, where two reactors have now resumed operation.

Action Directe blamed as Paris car bomb kills the wrong man

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A quirk of fate saved M Alain Peyrefitte, editor-in-chief of *Le Figaro* and a former Gaullist minister, from certain death yesterday when the car he normally uses at weekends exploded outside his home in Provins, killing his chauffeur instantly.

No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the attack, but police believe it could have been the work of the extreme-left French terrorist group, Action Directe, which claimed responsibility for the assassination of M Georges Besse, managing director of Renault, outside his home in Paris last month.

It was the first time for 20 years that a French political leader has been the subject of a terrorist attack.

The trial on charges of murdering two policemen of three leading members of Action Directe had to be postponed earlier this month when five of the nine jury members dropped out after being threatened by Regis Schleicher, one of the accused.

Action Directe, which has close links with the German Red Army Faction, has claimed responsibility for more than 50 terrorist attacks in France over the past seven years.

M Peyrefitte, who is known for his right wing, law and order views and who as Justice Minister in 1979 was the author of the repressive "security and liberty" Bill, has no doubts that he was the prime target of the group's latest attack.

"I have been saved, another has been killed in my place," he told his wife on learning the news.

His Paris secretariat described it as a "miracle" that he had not been killed. Every Friday M Peyrefitte, who has represented Seine et Marne in Parliament for the past 28 years and who has been Mayor of Provins since 1965, leaves Paris to spend the weekend in his constituency home.

A Citroen BX, belonging to the town, is always delivered to his home for his personal use on the Friday evening before being picked up again



M Peyrefitte: "Overwhelmed by unjust death."

on the Monday morning. However, M Peyrefitte had lost the keys to his official car last weekend and therefore took out his ancient, Renault 504 instead. Again quite exceptionally, he returned to Paris on the Saturday evening.

The Citroen BX, with the bomb presumably already planted in it, therefore remained untouched until M Peyrefitte's chauffeur came to fetch it shortly after 8 am yesterday.

The car would not start at first, so the chauffeur had to

change the battery. However, it was not until he put it into gear that it exploded with a deafening blast which was heard throughout the town.

M Peyrefitte said that although he had been the object of several death threats during the years that he was Justice Minister, as well as for a couple of years thereafter, he had received no threats in recent years.

"I was probably chosen as a symbol because I believe there can be no liberty without order in a society," he said.

"I am overwhelmed by this horrible and unjust death.

"There is nothing more revolting than the death of an innocent person."

M Peyrefitte left Paris soon after the attack to express his sympathies to the family of the dead man, M Serge Langer, aged 51. M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, also visited the family.

M André Giraud, the Defence Minister, said that "terrorism had struck totally blindly once again". M Franck Borotra, spokesman for the Gaullist RPR Party, condemned recent criticism of the police, and said that the attack should make the public realize the importance of national unity around the police and the legal system.

However, M Jean Poperein, Deputy Secretary of the Socialist Party, said that the "hateful and bestial" act had demonstrated that the considerable security measures taken by the conservative government since coming to power nine months ago could not prevent such attacks.



Police investigators inspecting the former minister's car which exploded in Paris yesterday, killing the driver.

Israel refuses plea to return French killer

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

French officials have told Mr Avraham Shari, the Israeli Justice Minister, that it would be difficult to guarantee the safety in prison of a convicted murderer France wants sent from Israel.

Mr Shari explained this in the High Court here yesterday in an affidavit he was required to give explaining why he turned down the extradition request for Mr William Nakash, who was convicted by a French court of the 1983 murder of an Arab barman in Besançon.

The French authorities said they would do everything possible to protect Mr Nakash, but they could not guarantee

his safety, given the difficulty of controlling organized gangs in prisons. The Justice Minister said he had tried to overcome the problem by bringing in a law which would allow Israelis convicted abroad to serve their sentences in Israeli prisons, but this had run into domestic political problems.

According to Mr Roland Roth, Mr Nakash's lawyer, there is a "contract" out in the French underworld for his client. Mr Roth claims the murder victim was a member of a powerful criminal clan from North Africa, with 300 of its members serving prison sentences in France.

Tamil guerrilla groups battle for supremacy

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

After bitter fighting which claimed the lives of at least 30 guerrillas over the weekend, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) yesterday gave 24 hours to their rivals, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) to surrender in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

The LTTE, the most powerful of the five Tamil guerrilla groups fighting for a separate Tamil state in Sri Lanka's northern and eastern provinces, announced that it had taken over 28 EPRLF camps during the weekend in the northern part of the country. Residents in the northern city of Jaffna said that about

300 EPRLF guerrillas were disarmed. The LTTE statement added that as from today, there would be house to house searches for EPRLF guerrillas.

In the island's eastern province, the LTTE certainly seems to have gained the upper hand. It has accused the EPRLF of robbing people, attacking Muslims there.

The Indian authorities have not commented on the fighting, saying that it is an internal Sri Lankan matter. However, two Indian ministers are in Madras to discuss the Sri Lankan Government's proposals to end the conflict with Tamils.

Philippines ceasefire marred by shooting

From Keith Dalton, Manila

About 100 New People's Army guerrillas opened fire on an isolated army camp on Panay Island yesterday in the first armed clash to mar the six-day-old Philippines ceasefire, the state-run Philippines news agency reported.

The agency and local military officials reported no casualties during the attack on the 19-man detachment in Aklan province, 235 miles south-east of Manila.

Brigadier-General Domingo Rio, the military commander, said the attack was "a clear violation of the ceasefire agreement between the Government and the rebels".

The attack preceded a meeting of the five-member National Ceasefire Committee, which is investigating the killing last week of two civilian militiamen and a peace demonstrator as well as the entry of almost 80 armed rebels into Samal, a town 20 miles west of Manila.

Despite these "incidents", the committee on Saturday issued a joint statement saying that no substantial violation had occurred in the first ceasefire in the 17-year insurgency.

No return: An emergency Cabinet meeting decided yesterday it would be "against the national interests" for the deposed President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, to return from exile in Hawaii after the death on Sunday of his sister, Mrs Elizabeth Marcos-Keon, and his public announcement that he hopes to return home before the end of the year.

Mr Marcos fled to Hawaii and his passport was cancelled after a civilian-backed military revolt in February installed President Aquino.

Final EEC talks

Agreement hopes dying with candle

From Richard Owen, Brussels

EEC foreign, agriculture and transport ministers met yesterday for the last time under Britain's chairmanship in a final bid to make progress before the end of 1986.

But there was an air of bleak mid-winter about their prospects, with little or no hope of agreement on the outstanding issues of farm surpluses, the trade war with Washington and cheaper air fares.

Mrs Rita Holberg, the Danish Farm Minister, lent a seasonal touch to the proceedings by lighting a Christmas candle on the conference table.

"I hope our discussions splutter out before this candle does," she told a bemused Mr Michael Jopling, Britain's Agriculture Minister, who has been chairing the marathon talks.

They did not, and Mrs Holberg expressed her enthusiasm by ostentatiously knitting a pullover (no doubt a Christmas gift) as she and her colleagues again failed to agree on cuts in milk and dairy quotas.

So far she has completed the back and two sleeves, and few officials doubt that she will have knitted the whole garment by the end of the talks.

Mr Jopling presided over three days of talks last week followed by further talks at the weekend, including an all-night session on Sunday.

He had said he was prepared to go on as long as necessary, but the talks must end by tomorrow, when he chairs the final Fisheries Council meeting for the year.

Some progress has been made faced with a growing outcry over the food mountains ministers accept, for example, the need for dairy quota cuts to reduce the butter and milk powder surpluses. But the Commission wants a 6 per cent cut as a first stage.

France wants less and West Germany and Ireland want token cuts only and were prepared to veto anything approaching 6 per cent, even though Mr Jopling proposed substantial compensation for farmers. Similar differences remain over cuts in beef output.

To complicate matters the southern EEC states insist that the northern states - which produce the surpluses - should bear most of the sacrifice involved in cutting back. A Commission proposal for a one-off sale of the 1.5 million tonnes butter mountain found little favour.

Mr Michael Spicer, the Aviation Minister, conceded yesterday that there was still no agreement on liberalizing air transport and the latest - and last - British bid failed. But he said there was unanimity on more flexible

man de Croo, the Belgian Transport Minister, would be in a commanding position to convert into the unanimous decision required when he takes over the chair in January.

EEC officials were sceptical, saying Europe was no nearer to cheaper air fares than it was in November, when the previous Transport Council reached deadlock. But Mr Moore insisted that the EEC was on the verge of agreement towards a liberalized air transport market by 1992.

"The message to the travelling public is that Europe is at long last on a one-way ticket to cheaper air fares, free from off-putting petty restrictions," he said.

Mr Spicer said Britain fully supported the Commission's continuing legal action against European airlines that operate cartels and price-fixing.

The rush of activity, coupled with a marked show of determined leadership by British ministers, has led to the charge from some EEC officials that Britain knows it cannot complete its programme in the week before the Christmas break and is simply "doing a hit of last-minute Christmas window dressing".

The foreign ministers, under the chairmanship of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday sought to head off a looming trade war with Washington after failure to reach a compromise at high level US-EEC talks in Brussels at the weekend.

The trade dispute over farm exports is directly linked to the imbalances caused by the farm subsidies of the common agricultural policy.

The Americans have said that on that date they will retaliate against a range of EEC food exports unless the Community compensates America for the loss of grain markets in Europe after EEC enlargement, which resulted in a EEC trade increase

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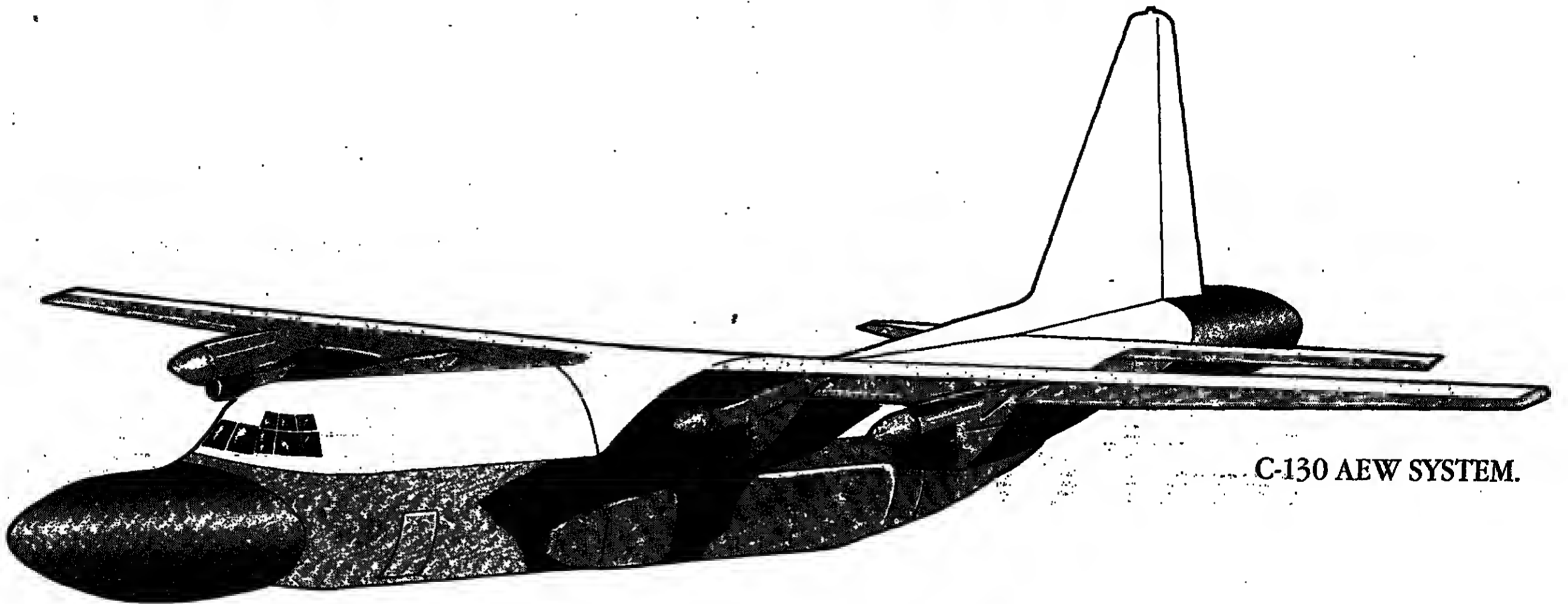
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The M15 case: moments of scorn

Protecting public interest claim is baloney, says judge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Justice Powell gave British lawyers another hard day at the start of final submissions in the M15 book trial yesterday...

Wright's allegations, the judge demurred. It was difficult to know what status to accord Sir John's judgment...

past, that in the future members of the security services should be free to make disclosures, whatever the effect on national security.

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How can one accept that the British Government is concerned?

let the Nigel West book (A Matter of Trust) go to print, let the Massiter programme go to air, and, more to the point, let Mr Wright's programme go to air?

Mr Justice Powell said: "If the truth of the matter is that, whether because of incom-

petence or falsehood, the Australian people are being kept in the dark - or being led to believe that all is well and it is not - why shouldn't they be told?"

Vietnam leader admits mistakes

From David Watts Tokyo

The Vietnamese Communist Party leader acknowledged serious mistakes by the Government and party who he opened the sixth party congress in Hanoi yesterday.

The targets set by the last congress in 1981 had not been fulfilled. "Responsibility for these shortcomings and mistakes rests first of all with the party's central committee, the political bureau, the secretariat and with the Council of Ministers," he said.

He urged party members to stay free from corruption and said that after the congress "we must plan to purify the party and the administration and preserve the traditions of unity within party ranks".

Such public hand-wringing is not unusual in Vietnam but it remains to be seen whether it will be followed by significant reforms and changes of personnel, including the possible removal of Mr Chinh himself as party leader.

Mr Chinh, who replaced the late Le Duan in July, is seen as a hard-line revolutionary who once had good connections with China. He used the congress to make another appeal to the Chinese leadership to improve relations.

"Once again we officially declare that Vietnam is ready to negotiate with China at any time, at any level, and anywhere so as to normalize bilateral relations," he said.

Such appeals, made regularly over the last few years, are unlikely to find a response in Peking until Vietnamese troops are out of Cambodia. Indeed, China recently released photographs from the Vietnam-China border area for the first time since the clashes of 1979 showing rocket-launchers firing salvoes into Vietnamese territory.



Star parade: Tong-Tong, a six-month-old giant panda cub, enjoying the protection of an umbrella while getting acquainted with the press at his christening at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo yesterday. His name was chosen from among thousands suggested by the public.

Barnala survives in Punjab

Chandigarh (Reuter) - Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the beleaguered Chief Minister of Punjab, yesterday emerged unscathed from attempts by the Sikh and Hindu groups in the State Assembly to oust his 15-month-old Government.

The moderate Sikh leader, whose support in Punjab and the rest of India has eroded with his failure to crush Sikh separatist violence, appeared to survive largely thanks to the opposition's inability to unite.

In a stormy session, punctuated by angry walk-outs, rebel Sikh deputies dropped plans at the last minute to table a no-confidence motion, and a "mainly Hindu party failed to win enough support for a similar vote."

Bhutto blames riot on Junejo regime

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party, yesterday accused the Pakistan Government of staging what she called "the gory drama" in Karachi at the weekend in order to cause a diversion and perpetrate its unconstitutional rule.

Miss Bhutto, who arrived here for a few days' visit from Karachi yesterday, was commenting on the worst ethnic violence in the city's history in which at least 54 people were killed and more than 300 were injured.

The Karachi troubles, she claimed, clearly established that the Government had lost control because it had no roots among the masses.

Chinese Army to modernize

From David Bonavia Hong Kong

The Chinese armed forces are experimenting with a new form of organization. The concept of the group army - previously unknown to Chinese military strategy - to replace the older, more inflexible, system of field armies, has been tested.

Chemical attack on Afghans

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

of the country is changing in three ways: five million refugees have left Afghanistan, about one million internal refugees have left the countryside and there is an announced plan to transfer 300,000 people from the north-east to the western provinces.

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Taking the people to the patients

A Victorian mental health asylum could be turned into an Italian-style town, with the patients still at its heart, thanks to an architect's imaginative plan. Marjorie Wallace reports

When Claybury was built in 1893, it was something of a showpiece, an asylum devoted to the care of the mentally ill, with its own ornate theatre and church seating 2,500 patients, its laundry and workshops and a 300-acre farm and orchard. It was planned to be self-sufficient. Lavishly designed, it was a memorial to Victorian guilt about madness.

It had been built originally on wooded slopes 230 feet above the open Essex countryside, 10 miles north-east of London. Today its water tower and imposing chimneys dominate the surrounding sea of drab and featureless suburbs. The hospital, now ageing and slightly forlorn, is expensive to run. Its formal landscaped gardens have been turned to grass; its Victorian Gothic pavilions are patched with incongruous modern extensions. Its farm is derelict and most of its patients have gone.

Thirty years ago there were 2,300 people living here; now there are 800. The exodus, which began in the late 1950s with the discovery of neuroleptic drugs, is accelerating as a result of government policy to return patients to the community. In 1993 Claybury will be closed.

But what's to be done with this Victorian hilltop town when it finally shuts its doors? What will happen to the 300 patients still in need of continuing care?

John Burrell, a 39-year-old community architect from London, grew interested in Claybury after studying Victorian asylums, and believes he has found the answer. He sees Claybury as the capital of the suburbs it surveys — almost like an Italian hilltop town. Within the sturdy walls of the Victorian buildings it could contain shops, a leisure centre, offices, flats and houses.

The water tower would be fitted with a clock and become the "cathedral" of the new city. Beneath it, a busy piazza would serve as the town centre with cafes, ice-cream kiosks and buskers on the steps of what used to be the boiler-room chimney. There would be fountains, walkways, coffee houses and shops built on the gallery principle. The old asylum theatre would be retained as part of an entertainment centre with an amphitheatre and several cinemas. The old "airing courts", or exercise yards for the patients, could be converted into smart urban squares. The 200-acre site would house about 3,000 people.

But Burrell's idea goes fur-

ther than simply re-using a heritage of elegant and well-constructed buildings. He proposes to find room within the site for a 40-bed short-stay hospital for mental patients and flats and hostels for the 300 long-stay patients. He plans that their accommodation should look out over the "airing courts", which would become their private and secluded gardens.

"The Victorians believed that these hospitals were a humane way of protecting mad people from the stresses of normal life," Burrell says. "They also thought they could stop mental disease spreading by fading out reproduction among the unfit." The female wards were on one side of the hospital, the male on the other. Between them were the central services: the theatre,

Forest, the area health authority, is already encountering opposition from local residents to such a proposition.

The great advantage of Burrell's scheme is that it brings the community to the patients — "and since the patients are there first," he points out, "the newcomers can't object."

Luxury houses have already been built right up to Claybury's boundary fence. "You can imagine the opposition there would have been if those houses had been there first and we were trying to get planning permission to build this hospital."

The principal could apply to many other mental hospitals of similar size: Bexley, Goodmayes, Hill End, Horton Manor, Menstone, Netherne, Severalls, Swansea and West Park — all have the potential to be developed as city centres.

Burrell's ideas are being taken seriously by several health authorities, including Leicester which has commissioned a study. During the last few years while hospitals have been running down, many acres of valuable land and buildings have been sold piecemeal to developers and the proceeds have disappeared into the health authorities' general funds. When this happens the mentally ill do not necessarily benefit, despite the Department of Health's assurances that they will.

The Claybury scheme was recently presented at Westminster, where it attracted interest among the Commons, all-party mental health group. "It is an exciting and novel scheme," says Nicholas Winterbottom MP, who is fighting for the rights of discharged mental hospital patients.

Professor Kathleen Jones, of York University, the leading expert on the social care of discharged mental patients, is also enthusiastic. "You'll get executives living there. It will be so unremarkable the stigma will be removed from mental illness," she says.

"You can't plant patients into the community like currants in a bun. On this scheme they would be there from the beginning. There could be a whole range of places for them from flats where they would be totally independent to group homes where there would be staff on duty day and night."

John Burrell conceived his idea when he saw a derelict mental hospital in Trieste. There were squatters and rats. "I would hate to see that happen in this country," he says.

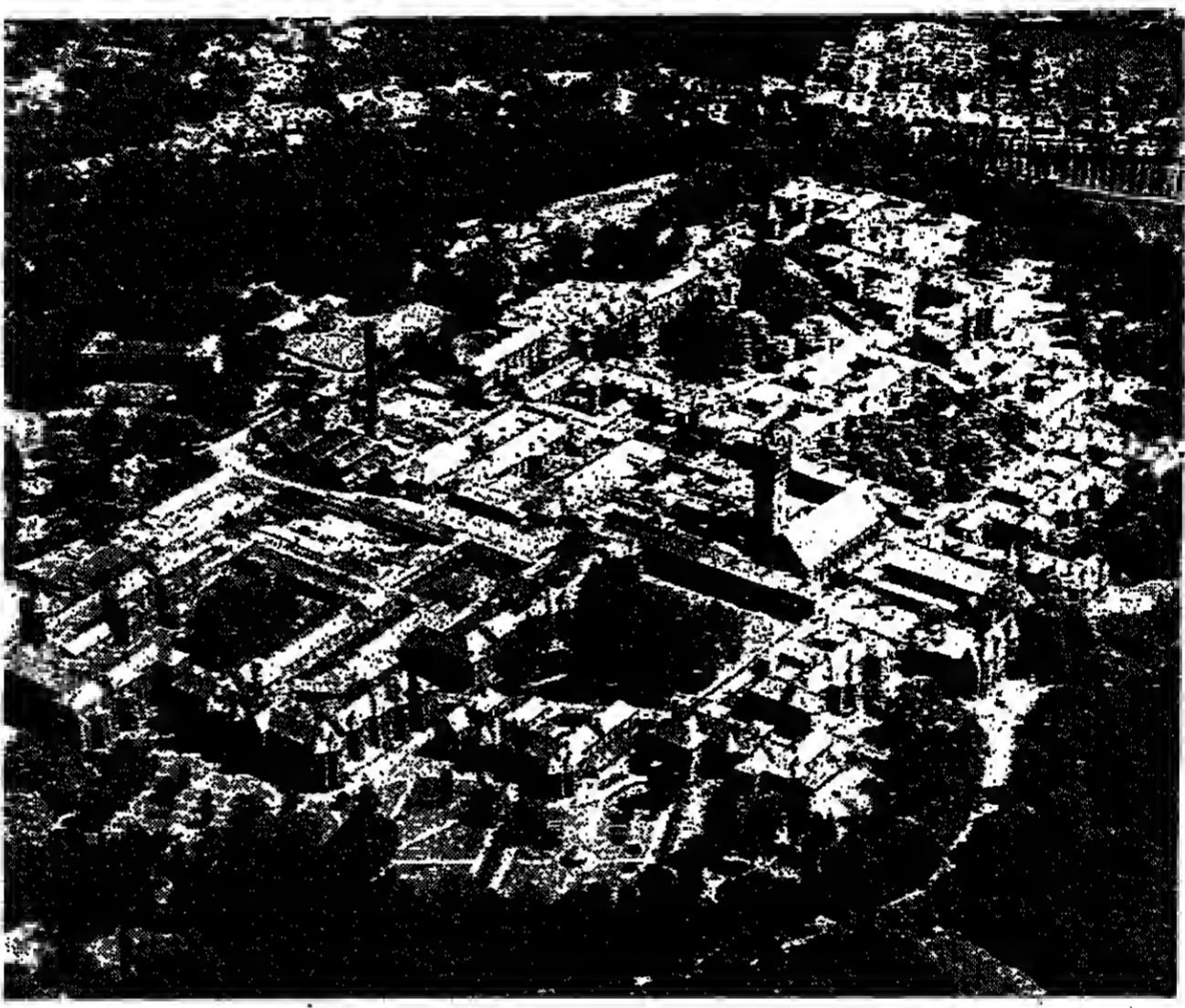
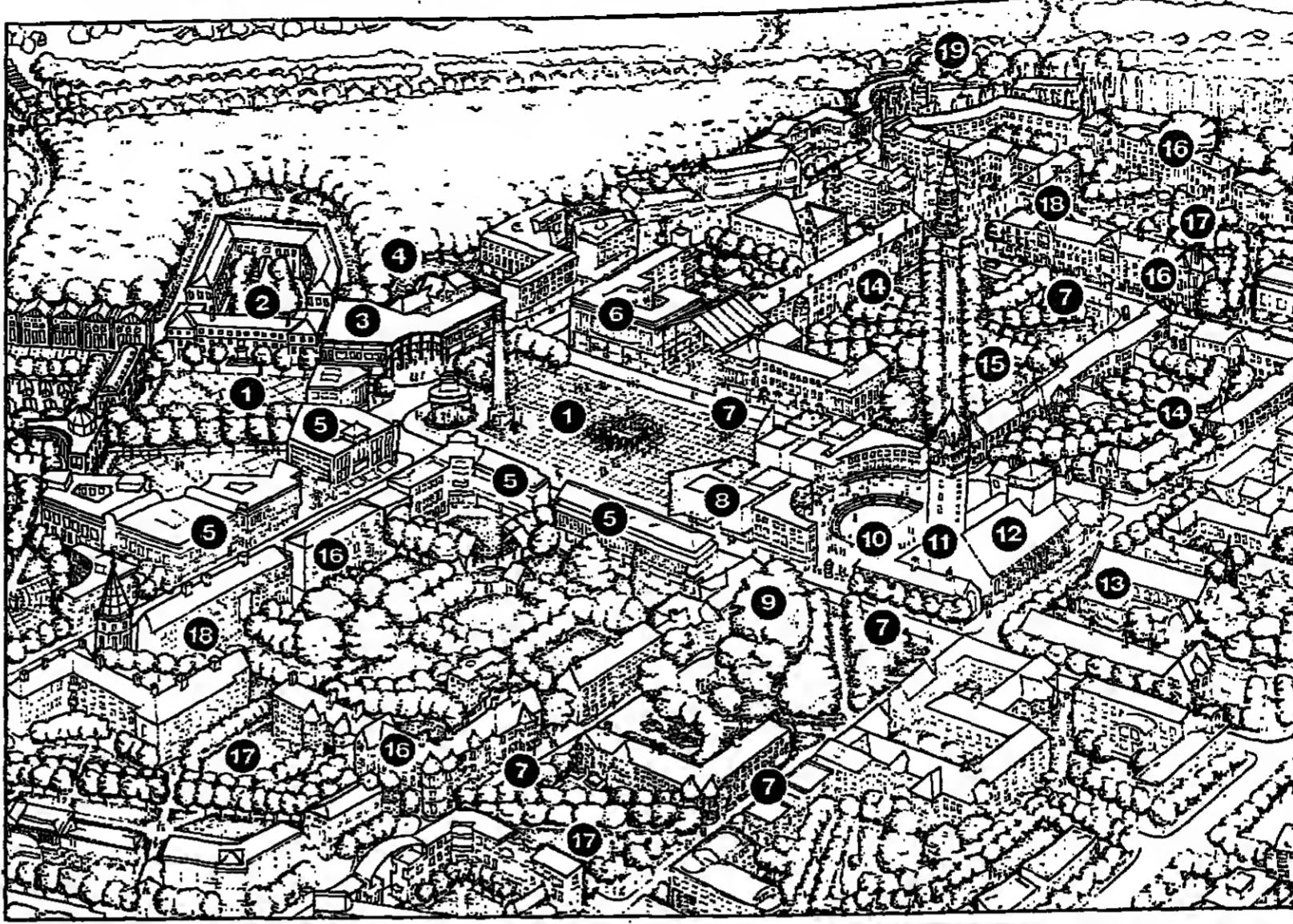


John Burrell under the water tower he hopes to convert

the kitchens, the laundry and the church. But men and women entered these places, including the church, through separate entrances. Even in the mortuary (planned to become a tea room), the same principle applied: separate rooms were provided for male and female corpses.

John Burrell's main challenge was to convert this inward-looking hospital from a "pseudo town", rather like the large monastery of a closed order, into a town which could reach out into the world around it. His vision was to replace the corridors by roads, to create courtyards, to provide archways, while retaining the intimate urban relationships of the buildings.

But it is more than an architectural Utopia. The alternative is to sell the site to developers and rehouse the long-stay patients elsewhere in the community. But Waltham



Claybury (left) as it is now and (above) as it will become if John Burrell's imaginative plan is taken up by the health authorities

- 1 New public squares, shops, banks, cafes, library
- 2 Former nurses' home integrated and converted
- 3 Health administration building
- 4 High dependence accommodation
- 5 New retail building
- 6 New office building
- 7 New streets created
- 8 New cinemas
- 9 New day centre
- 10 New open-air arena space/square
- 11 Existing water tower adapted as clocktower
- 12 Assembly hall adapted to local theatre
- 13 Existing chapel in new setting and grounds
- 14 Sheltered housing
- 15 Existing landscaped airing courts improved as public and private gardens
- 16 Typical residential accommodation, private, public, housing association
- 17 Existing paths linked to form pedestrian routes
- 18 Special hostel as part of ordinary terraced housing
- 19 One of the new high street connections to local streets

Squiring the inner circle

The duties of the clerk of the Privy Council include far more than drawing up rotas



Geoffrey de Deney coaches counsellors on the niceties

Hidden away in a rabbit warren of comfortable rooms in the centre of Whitehall sits a former civil servant from the Home Office. He is now the custodian of one of Britain's most elite constitutional bodies, whose workings include quaint traditions dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries.

Geoffrey Ivor de Deney is clerk of the Privy Council, that inner circle of privileged politicians and public servants who are sworn to conduct their business with the Queen in total secrecy.

At present, de Deney is preparing for the next meeting of the council which is to be held this week. He has already sent out formal letters to four Privy Counsellors from the Government to attend the meeting at Buckingham Palace. The letter advises them to wear "ordinary clothes" for the occasion.

The ranks of the Privy Council have now swelled to a record 390 Right Honourable Members. A quorum requires only three.

Anyone selected for membership of the Privy Council, whether he be the leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, a distinguished judge, a cleric or a senior Commonwealth politician, has to rely on the careful coaching of the clerk to ensure that when he is brought before the Queen for the formal oath of allegiance, he is aware of the traditions involved. These include kissing the hand of the Sovereign

without actually making contact.

Mr de Deney, 58, who has been clerk for two and a half years, draws up a rota of Privy Counsellors. He prefers where possible to summon the busiest Cabinet ministers only once or twice a year because of the pressures of their work.

One reason for this is that the summons to attend before the Queen can often involve a long train journey. Most of the nine or so Privy Council meetings a year are at Buckingham Palace or Windsor, but the counsellors must go to wherever the Sovereign is residing at the time, be it Balmoral, Sandringham or even the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Most of the Council business is expressed in Proclamations or Orders in Council. Proclamations are reserved for important subjects, such as states of emergency, the withdrawal of a coin, or the dissolution of Parliament and require the Queen's signature.

Orders in Council are needed for certain constitutional powers required by Government under Acts of Parliament which cannot be authorised by ministers, such as the picking of boundaries for election purposes.

Before the council begins,

down. They remain standing, a tradition which dates back to Queen Victoria.

Lord Whitelaw holds the List of Business, or agenda, the Queen stands at the head looking down the line and de Deney, the only one wearing formal clothes — striped morning trousers and short black jacket — stands facing the Privy Counsellors. Lord Whitelaw reads down the list and the Queen pronounces her approval for each order. It's all over in about 15 to 20 minutes.

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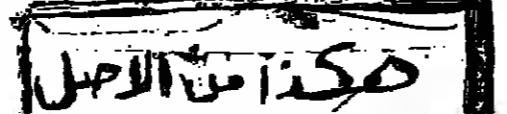
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Thrilling Met by moonlight

Who would puff the puff-ball skirt? That was the question as the guests gussed up for the gala night at the Metropolitan Museum.

Dance is the theme of the Costume Institute's exhibition, and dancing through a Manhattan hizzard to celebrate came newly-wed Kitty and Calvin Klein, wearing the evening's high fashion accessory — the Thanksgiving holiday sultan. Kitty sported a mini crinoline in black taffeta below the season's ubiquitous strapless top.

New York's hottest fashion property Donna Karan, also sporting a tan, showed off her own-label strapless, swathed jersey dress.

Other frock folk included the diminutive Giorgio Sant'Angelo, chic, face-faced Bill Blass and Oscar de la Renta, and Japanese Issey Miyake and Hanse ("Madame Butterfly") Morae. Saint Laurent's Pierre Berge, off the plane from YSL's Moscow exhibit, was just in time to catch Paloma Picasso deserting Yves for an empire-line turtleneck in bronze taffeta and crochet, swagged with mink tails, by rising Paris star Christian Lacroix.

On a label count at this prestige gathering, it was a fair night for European designers, with Nancy Kissinger in Valentino's sequins and brown crepe, Betsy Bloomingdale in Dior, and a glamorous Estee Lauder in festive crimson velvet from Givenchy couture.

The fashion night belonged to couturier Arnold Scaasi, who had made 32 dresses for the Costume Institute's party, including the best of the puff-balls — delectable peach taffeta worn by Kathleen Hearst of the newspaper dynasty.

Bouffant 1950s tulle below a Cinderella waistline dances chic to chic with Patou's flirty beaded Charleston dresses and brocade ballgowns for the minuet.

All the romance and glamour of the social dance is expressed in the exhibition at the Museum. The show opens with exquisite capes and coats from Fohret's lampshade of chrome yellow satin to Schiaparelli's gilded Sun King embroidery on black velvet.

A burst of flamenco music introduces a roomful of Spanish inspiration, which includes a Naughty Nineties painting of a roguish Carmencita and her style reinterpreted by Balenciaga, Dior and Saint Laurent.

The jazz age brings us "The Damsel" and a stunning dress embroidered with fireworks by Chanel, in 1938. A dancing couple turn out to be the Duke of Windsor, stylish in ink blue tails against the Duchess's slither of silver lame circles from Vionnet.

The sexual pulse of modern music runs through the exhibition's 1960s display, which has Courreges's black vinyl midriff on black silk organza, Paco Rabanne's iridescent plastic discs on a mini dress, and Ungaro's skimpy 1967 garment revealing a cleavage at the rear.

Karl Lagerfeld has taken his KL sportswear business out of New York. The sportswear line, launched in the Big Apple in autumn 1985, will now be based in Paris.

The pickets are out at Norma Kamali's boutique on 56th street to stop the feminist fashion designer from setting up her own manufacturing company with non-union labour. She has shut down her wholesale business in defiance. OMO Norma Kamali has always been the title tag. The initials stand for On My Own.

The Big Apple is a-buzz with designer people in designer clothes, and Europeans are covering their fair share of famous backs



Newly-wed Calvin and Kelly Klein: strapless mini crini



Above left: Paloma Picasso in Lacroix mink tails. Right: Estee Lauder in Givenchy velvet



Mariel Hemingway, above, the actress with an anti-glamour streak, talks about the importance of being earnest

Sam plays it her way

Sam's Cafe is hot in Manhattan. But the young crowd hanging out in the fashionable diner do not always recognize the fresh-faced, Amazonian, all-American girl who gives the place its name.

But by the time Mariel Hemingway — nickname Sam — has appeared in Superman IV, she will be a familiar scion of the famous dynasty.

"I am interested in healthy food, good food, clean food," says the budding film star about the restaurant that she and her husband Steve, Christian run on the uppermost East side.

"I think restaurants are about food and eating, not about assaulting you with decor."

As in food, so with fashion: the lithe and sporty Mariel Hemingway seems typecast in the earlier role of preppy kid she played in Woody Allen's Manhattan.

"I don't believe in that whole star image thing," she says. "I am open and honest about who I am and I don't think about presenting myself to the public. I think about what makes me feel good."

She is wearing blue jeans, cowboy boots and a checked jacket from her favourite designer, the Italian Giorgio Armani. She later swaps the denim for a slim skirt and high heels.

"But I have to be careful because I am so tall already."

The only Superman film outfit she likes for her role as an aspiring editor of The Daily Planet is a trouser suit cut on simple lines and in the deep sky blue of her beloved Idaho.

She has a Hemingway longing for the open country where she rides bareback. "I am not one of those women who can't bear the thought of getting on a horse without a saddle," she says.

She accepts gratefully the connection with her famous grandfather, Ernest Hemingway, and with her actress sister Margaux, who persuaded her to appear with her in the film Lisstick.

In Superman, her fictional character is not at all interested in the derring-do of Superman, but thinks the bespectacled Clark Kent is "quite wonderful".

This seems to be typecasting, for 25-year-old Mariel is surprisingly unmoved by the glamour of stardom. When she goes to a film premiere it may be in the "simple clean look" of her favourite American designer Calvin Klein, or in the sleek, strapless Chanel dress she wore for the royal opening of Labyrinth in London this month. But she says that "the two thousand dollar dress is not something

that I want to invest money in. When you get into very glamorous things, you look like you are competing. I don't want to look as though I spent eight months shopping for it."

She has worked out an eating programme for herself, eating only fruit through the day, although Sam's Cafe serves grilled meat, chicken or fish and takes as its motif her "fetish", the dairy cow. "I went through crazy health regimes, but now I've come to a nice way of eating that works for me," she explains.

It is hard to find a streak of romance in the down-to-earth Miss Hemingway. She describes the uplifting drama of film flying, when her well-toned body is encased in a fibre glass mould, as "a completely humiliating experience". She will not dream up a bogus Bogart connection with her nickname "Sam" and even scorns the legendary tale that her sister Margaux was conceived on the eponymous chateau bottle.

"Being part of a famous dynasty is nothing new for me," she says. "The Hemingway name has certainly been useful. I like to think that I have earned a few of my own stripes — but not nearly as many as the name holds."

COMMENT Quality street

Uptown, upbeat and upscale is the message from Manhattan. The sheer glamour of the New York stores, the cornucopia of luxury goods and the imaginative presentation is overwhelming.

The store windows are strong like gems down Fifth Avenue. They need chains across the pavement at Lord and Taylor to control the crowds viewing their miniature scenes of Manhattan Christmas Past. Saks Fifth Avenue offers elaborate and luxurious Icelandic snow scenes.

The catalyst for "quality" has been Ralph Lauren and the aspirational old-England life style of his Madison Avenue store. People are talking about the "Laurenization" of New York, as new money abandons glitz in favour of fine leather and cashmere.

That is good news for the European boutiques on Madison, and for the New Wave US designers like Donna Karan. Her sensuous spring collection has all-in-one body blouses in heavy four-ply silk, the softest cashmere and wisps of chiffon, in tender colours of sea shell pink.

Ralph Lauren himself takes a palette of water colours and brushes it over his simple separates and silky 1930-style printed dresses. His store is filled with Christmas card vignettes — country hearth and home as the setting for rugs and woolies, tartan blankets and club ties.

Uptown's quality look has spread not just to the gentrified Upper West Side, but also to Barney's new women's store, where designer boutiques are grouped round a central atrium and where fashionable decorator Andrie Putnam has designed the cosmetic hall and a surreal Christmas window.

Barney's venture and the general emphasis in New York on quality marks the coming of age of the 1960s customer who is trading up.

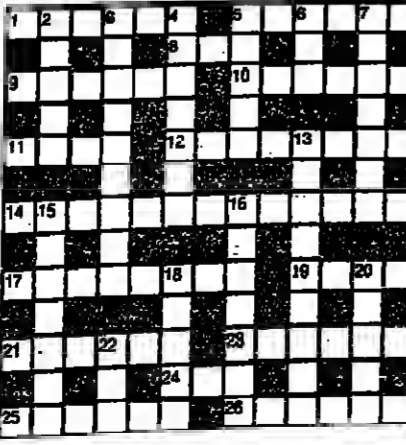
New York's hype on quality suggests a consumer maturity that is spreading from uptown down — and may soon reach the old world from the new.



Kathleen Hearst in peach puff ball by Arnold Scaasi Photographs: Tony Palmieri/WWD

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THE TIMES DIARY

Plane speaking

The suggestion by Jim Prior, the GEC chairman, that the rival Nimrod and Boeing early-warning aircraft should be subject to some form of independent assessment has caused wry amusement in aerospace and defence circles.

Wait for it

The Falkland Islands are abuzz with rumours of a visit by the Queen next year, to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the Argentine invasion.

Crime school

Fraud investigators attending a seminar at Liverpool University on corruption will be educated in that dubious art by someone more qualified than most on financial dirty dealings — John Stonehouse.

Disestablished

Dublin's Irish Times — no relation — has chosen a new editor, Conor Brady. A journalist in his forties, Brady succeeds the veteran Douglas Gageby who moved the paper in tune with a changing Ireland.

Cool customer

Not ones to accept gifts even for a job well done, two Black Country policemen found they had a lot of explaining to do after returning stolen property to an Indian garage owner.

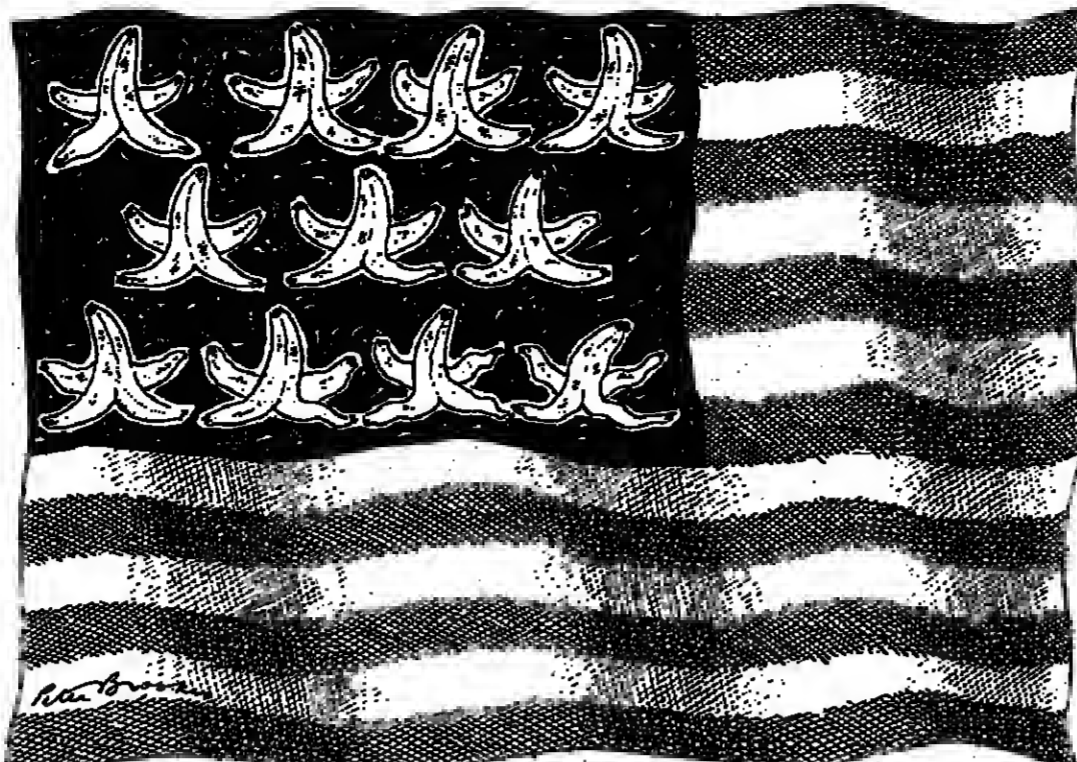


BARRY FANTONI M.O.D.

No secret now

The next imbrolio set to engulf the BBC will be over The Secret Society, a series by New Statesman journalist Duocan Campbell, to be shown in the New Year.

In the first of an occasional series being published jointly in The Times and New York Times, Zbigniew Brzezinski looks at the prospects for America's post-Irangate foreign policy



How Reagan must repair the damage

American foreign policy is in crisis. President Reagan can recoup, however, provided he recognizes the extent of his problems. This requires facing some basic substantive and operational shortcomings that recent events have exposed.

It would be a tragedy if Reagan were to leave office as yet another victim of what is beginning to look like a quarter-century-long crisis of the presidency.

The more immediate damage to the president's policy involves regional confusion in the Middle East; anxiety among America's principal allies about the nature of its decision-making process and the actual substance of its strategy.

In the Middle East, there can be little doubt that Iran's position has been strengthened at the cost of countries previously viewed as America's friends.

American credibility with the moderate Arab powers and the Gulf states has hit a low ebb. It will be difficult, and will take a long time, for America's word to be seen again as its bond.

In western Europe, there is derision at the way America tried to pursue a would-be Machiavellian policy in a manner more reminiscent of Inspector Clouseau.

Europeans are, therefore, understandably perplexed as to bow the president and his Secretary of State, George Shultz, could so tamper with the concepts and practice of extended deterrence.

limited strategic defence capable of protecting America's strategic forces and principal command and control centres.

He could thus ensure that in future negotiations the issue will be what mix of offensive and defensive strategic forces would achieve mutual security.

Regan needs to clarify what his strategic doctrine is and what it implies for the future. He should, at the earliest opportunity, clarify what his goals are in the arms-control negotiations.

It is certainly not too late to seek a specific arms-control agreement about nuclear forces in Europe and some reductions in the overall totals of strategic warheads.

Beyond that, the president should move to translate gradually his Strategic Defence Initiative from research into reality.

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which would induce Americans to rally together around the president and the flag. More likely is a cautious exploitation of any new opportunities that may open up, on the model of Soviet conduct in the mid-1970s.

Moreover, this condition gives the Soviet Union a better chance to pursue its long-term goal of dominating the Eurasian land-mass with its policy of seeking to improve its relations with western Europe, and with Japan and China.

A longer-range negative effect of this crisis is the damage it does to the American public's confidence in its own government.

The investigations will doubtless run their course, and other revelations may yet emerge. But irrespective of those developments, it is essential that in the coming weeks the president moves decisively to infuse his foreign policy with a sense of momentum and direction.

On decision-making, he has to recognize that the problem over the last several years has been not that the National Security Council has been too strong but that it has been too weak.

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Real strategic vision lacking at the top

The damage that has been done will take long to heal. A more active effort to mediate between Israel and the Arabs would help to establish America's credentials again as a responsible mediator.

US foreign policy in the last two years has been largely reactive. It has lacked a larger strategic vision, in part because of the progressive fragmentation of decision-making at the highest level.

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Roger Scruton

Triumph of the half-educated

A century ago T.G. Masaryk sought to explain the extraordinary increase in the number of suicides throughout the civilized world. Like Durkheim, he believed that man had become detached from the laws and customs which bound him to society.

It was not merely the decline of faith, Masaryk argued, which induced this troubled posture. Things were exacerbated by a peculiar modern phenomenon, which he called Halbbildung — half-education.

Many things have changed since Masaryk wrote, and suicide could no longer be described as the major social problem. Nevertheless, der halbbildete Mensch has not relinquished his central position.

The semi-educated are as hungry for moral values as the rest of us. Having learned how to despise their forefathers' values and to pour scorn on every other source of natural contentment, they find themselves drawn into a morality of opposition.

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The next time I passed through Rangoon I was introduced to a British Council man who turned out to be starring as one of the lesser pirates (I told you Burma was a small place), and he hinted darkly to me that there had been one or two accidents in rehearsal.

The rest of the paper was devoted to the coming of Christmas which, in a colony where the permanent governor is Mammon, is taken much more seriously than here.

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Scythe still slashing in Whitehall

Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent, finds the cost-cutting going well

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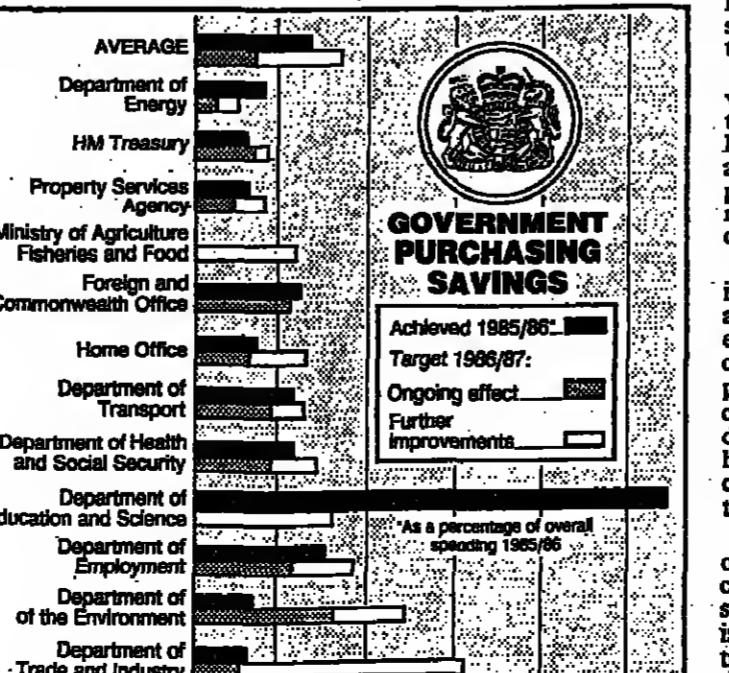
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

A Worm moves in with records



Herfordshire Police pioneered the storing of colour photographic images of convicted criminals by optical disk technology

By Geoff Wheelwright

There is a WORM in the Government's Public Record Office - and it isn't the type that likes to read books. In this case, the WORM is a "Write Once Read Many" optical computer storage device helping the Public Record Office to move its record-keeping systems into the 20th century. The system was introduced to the PRO this month as computer manufacturer Data General - which supplied the system - announced its contract with the Government to run a pilot project to assess the suitability of storing computer records on optical disk.

tested until optical systems have been in use as long as traditional storage media. An optical disk system works on much the same principles as the current crop of Compact Disc (CD) music systems - except that CDs can only play back information from the compact disc, and offer no way of recording. The information, in this case music, on a Compact Disc is transformed into music when a tiny, pinhole laser beam is shone over the surface of the CD as it spins around inside the player. The surface of the CD is pitted with tiny indentations - each of which represents a small piece of encoded music - and the way in which the laser beam is reflected off this pitted surface tells the player what sounds to transfer to the amplifier and speakers. On an optical disk system, users need to be able to not only read information in this manner - but also place new information on the optical disk. Each time information is written onto the disc, an area is physically burned and once made there is no way of removing it - hence the name Write Once Read Many. Control Data has been moving to try and establish some standards in the WORM market and a few weeks ago announced equipment that would allow a WORM system to be connected to IBM's personal computer.

Health groups in data watch

Local and health authorities are to be among the first groups to come under the scrutiny of the Data Protection Registrar, Eric Howe, as he begins to chase first any large data users who have not registered.

"I have some sympathy for very small data users", said Mr Howe, who may not have access to the professional advice that larger organizations enjoy. Finance houses and direct marketing are the other two areas for the first investigation. From November 1987, individuals will have the right to have a copy of any personal information about them held on computer. So far, the Registrar's Office has received 160 complaints from individuals.

In the holiday spirit

The holiday spirit was much in evidence at Lotus Development last week after a Florida contractor withdrew a \$254,000 product liability lawsuit against Lotus, ending a year-long dispute over whether software companies are responsible for errors made by people using their programs. The contractor, James Cummings, contended that Lotus's Symphony business program had failed properly to incorporate a \$254,000 entry for general expenses into a construction bid.

Mr Cummings won the bid but lost money on the deal. Lotus countered that it was not responsible for what it said was an inexperienced user's error that could have been avoided by reading the instruction manual. "We intended to fight this all the way and never settle," said Henry Gutman of the law firm that represented Lotus.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

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Computerized filofax

While so-called "personal organizers" have been available on computer for some time - providing an on-screen address book, diary, or note-taker - this year has seen the advent of the computerized "filofax" type. With an eye clearly on upmarket Christmas presents, there is one now available for PC owners for the relatively modest price of £100. Like computerized organizers it provides all the on-

screen options, but with the option of printing it all out on special sheets to put in a leather binder, also provided. It includes word-processing facilities, a "self-sorting" address book and mail merge, so that addresses can be automatically used for mailshots. Further information on 01-922 8821.

Terms for Superbrain

US officials have agreed draft terms to sell India their latest American super computer, after talks on security safeguards. The United States has been insisting on assurances that the computer will only be used for weather and agricultural purposes.

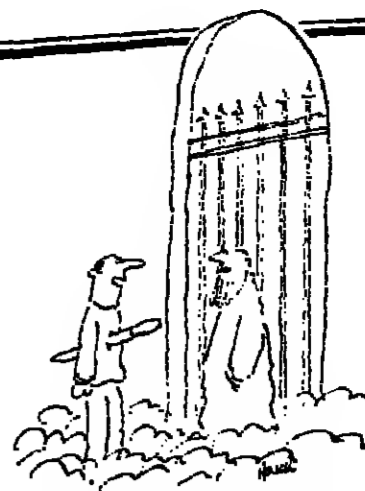
The talks last week followed an announcement by the US State Department in October that Washington had tentatively approved the sale, one of the first offers of high technology to a country outside Western Europe. India wants the multi-million dollar Cray computer, with a 32-megabyte memory, said to be one of the fastest in the world, but the United States demanded strong safeguards to prevent the transfer of such high technology as the super computers to the Eastern block. The two sides still have to negotiate the specific model and

£50m fibre network

British Telecom has begun installing a £50 million optical fibre network to link major business subscribers to local telephone exchanges in the City of London. The first of its kind, it will enable customers to send all their digital communication services - voice, data, telex, fax, video and private circuits - through a single glassfibre pipeline. More than 80,000 km of optical fibre will be installed in the next 12 months - almost enough to go round the world twice. The programme will extend the use of optical fibre in the local telephone network to the rest of the country over the next decade.

Revising Bach

Researchers at the University of Illinois have built a computer capable of being programmed to compose music in the style of Johann Sebastian Bach. Creators David Sirkin and Larry Rendell claim their machine can be fed any tune and come up with the harmonies Bach would have composed around it, replete with variations.



"I designed a brilliant computer system - which made 500 of my colleagues redundant"

Mr Sirkin said: "The great thing about bringing Bach back to life is you can ask him to harmonize a melody written long after his death. The computer is an exercise in artificial intelligence, finding out what a machine can learn, said Mr Rendell. What you'd like to do is create a computer program that can learn anything, from music to medicine, to games. That's the real goal: machine learning, artificial intelligence. But the composer, computer is not about to start writing Bach originals. The researchers said it was highly unlikely that any computer could ever approach composer's genius."

Fast change forces IT courses to take a commercial break



Alan Fox, chief executive of the IT Institute at Cranfield

EDUCATION

By Frank Brown

As a result of the long-standing shortage of people with information technology skills, the winds of change are starting to blow through IT education and training. The high cost of providing IT courses, coupled with the need to keep up with the rapid pace of technological developments, have forced universities and technical colleges to be much more commercially-minded. Most in the field are now actively having to seek collaborative ventures with commerce and industry in IT, either to obtain sponsorship for courses, or to undertake joint development projects. Next year will see a further evolutionary step in university and industry collaboration when the IT Institute, the first industry-funded higher educational establishment for training and research in IT, opens its doors in Milton Keynes. The establishment, which advocates argue, could be a blueprint for technological universities and colleges of the future, is being set up by

Cranfield Institute of Technology, in collaboration with some 30 British and American firms, which have collectively invested more than £3 million in the new venture. They include major IT users such as British Gas, British Aerospace and British Petroleum, as well as major IT suppliers such as IBM, DEC, British Telecom, Hewlett-Packard, Inmos, Intel and Rank Xerox.

The new establishment will be run as a self-supporting commercial company rather than on normal academic lines. It has a chief executive, instead of a vice-chancellor, and a supervisory board upon which many of the sponsor companies are represented. That board will have direct control of the Institute's activities, to ensure that courses and research are geared to industry's requirements, and based on the world's latest IT research.

"This user-oriented approach to IT education is essential if the long-standing shortage of people with IT skills is to be overcome", commented Dr Allan Fox, the Institute's chief executive. "IT education and training in the UK has generally concentrated on the requirements of IT suppliers. The skills that are in short supply, however, are not so much those for designing computers, but for applying computing techniques to applications which users want to computerize." "The dearth of people with IT skills will never be overcome by teaching people computer technology. They must also learn how to apply it, how to computerize business, industrial and scientific processes - cost-effectively." "In other words, they must learn how to analyse and interpret intended applications in computing terms, so that every application process or procedure is computerized in the most appropriate way to form a truly synergistic system."

Graduate and post-graduate courses will be offered. Teaching activities are expected to grow over a five-year period to some 200 post-graduate programmes and more than 4,000 short course places for personnel in industry, commerce and government. Research activities will cover high growth-application areas such as networking, microelectronics, software engineering, and artificial intelligence, and will be carried out on a joint-venture basis with sponsoring companies and international research institutions. Dr Fox believes the commercial structure, financial independence and international character of the IT Institute will enable it to keep up with the latest developments in IT worldwide. "Modern high-tech education is highly capital-intensive. Our financial independence will enable us to have the latest equipment."

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Videotex User Show, Barbican, London, January 28-30, (01-608 1161)
Dexpo Europe, Olympia 2, London, March 3-5, (01-486 1951)
Computers in Retailing, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 11-13
Cadcam 87, Metropole Hotel, NEC, Birmingham, March 24-26, (01-608 1161)

Power PCs take over

The announcement by Microsoft of the latest version of its operating system, MS-DOS 4.0, in September has managed to steer clear of the one question that many serious PC users should be asking themselves - what is going to happen in the future. The Intel range of chips used to power these computers carry with them a fundamental discontinuity in the nice, orderly linear progression of an upgrade path that most computer users yearn for.

The PC family started out being powered by the 8088/8086 family of processors, and one or other of these could be found at the heart of every compatible system as well. With such a market, it was obvious that the software industry would follow this trend, and both Microsoft, with MS-DOS, and the many producers of applications software, have grown fat on the strength of it.

SOFTWARE

By Martin Banks

With the arrival of the PC/AT however, things have started to change. The AT uses the Intel 80286 processor; better, faster and with some interesting facilities. Most significant among these is the ability to run in what is called the Protect mode, which allows the processor to sectionalize the computer's memory. About a year ago, Intel announced the development of the next member of this processor family, the 80386 - faster and more powerful than the 80286, and makes the PCs and XT's look positive sluggards.

In addition, it also incorporates an enhanced version of the Protect mode. This gives it the ability to have several applications running in their own "virtual computer" on one machine. The ability to have different users running different applications on the same machine also has its attractions. These things are possible on PCs now, but it is arguable that none of them are done particularly well. Using MS-DOS, multi-tasking is only just starting to be a practical possibility.

Even the latest version, 4.0, cannot work with the Protect mode of the newer Intel

processors represents a considerable waste of computing resources. If MS-DOS cannot take advantage of this, however, it also means that the applications packages users have all grown to know and love cannot make use of it either. Users, therefore, are likely to be facing a problem over the coming couple of years. They will have applications and, more importantly, valuable data, that runs in an operating environment that is increasingly obsolete. To make any real use of the power of even the existing 80286 processor means a change of operating system that can work with the Protect mode and larger memory space, a change that Microsoft is expected to introduce with the next major revision of MS-DOS, Version 5.

To gain any advantage from this new system, the users will need to invest in new versions of their applications packages, many of which are now being re-modelled to fit the new environment. For many users, the upgrade will be most welcome, for the limitations of MS-DOS are now being reached. The basic operating system has the increasingly irritating limit of 640K bytes of memory, and a growing number of current applications programs demand that a system has this maximum available in order to work. The appearance of MS-DOS Version 5 should impose some standardization on working with larger memory capacities, as well as multi-tasking and multi-user working. This in turn should give software developers, and therefore users, a clearer path for future developments.

More computers to book your holiday

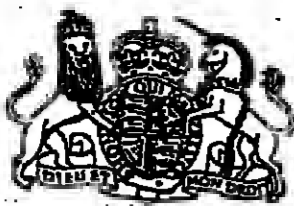
By Geoff Wheelwright

If you're looking for a career in the travel industry, it is soon likely to be just as important to know the ins and outs of a viewdata computer information system as the names of the best three hotels in Majorca. Computers are becoming an integral part of all major travel firms, with the trend toward computer based travel agencies likely to continue in the coming months. Last week Thomson Holidays announced that it has completed switching its entire bookings operation into a viewdata system. The move comes at a time when Thomson is crediting its

use of such computer systems with a claimed jump in market share from 20 to 30 per cent over the past year. Deputy managing director Colin Palmer said that Thomson will save about £28 million in 1987 on administrative costs even after expenditure on computer systems has been taken into account. Thomson's work with computers has not paid off overnight however and it is only the improvements in data processing throughout the travel industry that have allowed companies to gain the greatest advantage from their in-house systems.

Advertisement for Data Power Computer Employment Ltd. listing various job openings such as Project Managers, Voice Comms, Sales Execs, and Senior Account Manager with details on location, salary, and benefits.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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KENSINGTON PALACE December 15: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this evening attended a Reception for 'The Percent Club' given by the Prime Minister at No 10 Downing Street.

In the evening His Royal Highness was present at a Pre-Christmas Drinks Party given by Bulldog Manpower Services Limited at Great Peter Street, London, SW1.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Harold Bailey, 87; Mr N. C. Blaney, 75; Mr F. R. Brown, 75; Sir Michael Carlisle, 57; Mr Arthur C. Clark, 69; Judge Myrella Cohen, 69; Lord Margdale, 80; Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Norris, 86; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hubert Patch, 82; Sir Victor Pritchett, 86; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, 64; Sir John Thompson, 79; Miss Jacqueline Thwaites, 55; Miss Liv Ullmann, 48; Dr Jan van Loenen, 85; Mr W. H. P. Whately, 64.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Michael Moore was christened Richard Paul Ian by the Rev Neville Thomas in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Friday, December 12. The godparents are Mr Peter Adrian, Mr Donald Calder, Lady Holland-Martin and Mrs Anthony Fear.

Reception

The Prince of Wales was present at a reception given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening to mark the official launch of The Per Cent Club.

Service dinners

Chatham Dining Club Major-General G.H. Mills presided at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Major-General Sir Desmond Langley was the guest of honour.

Combined Cadet Force Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig, Chief of the Air Staff, was the principal guest at the annual officers' dinner of the Combined Cadet Force held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, yesterday. Commander A. Brown, Malvern College, was in the chair. Among others present were:

General Sir Hugh Beach, Vice-Admiral R.H. Scudamore, Rear-Admiral P. Jones and P.C. Sheppard and Air Vice-Marshal N.J. Pilkington and G.C. Lamb.

University news

Salford Science and Engineering Research Council, £15,500 to Dr H. Lo and Dr A.H. Redford for analysis of simulation models for control systems. £20,000 to Dr A. Brown and Professor D.J. Sanger to study flexible robotic manipulation systems for remotely operated underwater vehicles.

Bath Science and Engineering Research Council/Dorman Diesel: £104,830 to Dr S.J. Charlton for an investigation of pre-chamber configuration with reference to combustion and emissions for a lean-burn gas engine.

Sale room Rare prints found in old wardrobe

Japanese prints found in the bottom of a wardrobe in a London council flat were the sensations of Christie's sale of Japanese prints and paintings yesterday. There were two portraits of actors by Kuniyida in bright colours and pristine condition dating from 1813 and 1814. One made £24,200 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000) and the other £14,300 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000).



The fine Palladian front of Heveningham Hall in Suffolk under scaffolding (Photograph: Joe McKeown).

Fears for Heveningham

Concern is growing over the fate of Heveningham Hall, near Halesworth, Suffolk, which is widely recognized as one of the best Palladian mansions in Britain.

The house and 500-acre park was bought from the Department of the Environment in 1981 by an Arab businessman, Mr Abdul-Ghazzi, who promised to restore it and allow public access.

But after a fire two years ago, which seriously damaged the east wing, which ironically restoration had started, work on Heveningham Hall has ceased.

It had been planned to repair the fire damage by the end of last year, but the hall today remains boarded and shattered, with the east wing protected by polythene sheeting.

During this year most of the staff have been laid off. There is no public access to the hall or gardens, and a row has erupted over a proposal to divert a footpath through the park away from the house on security grounds.

The London headquarters of Mr al-Ghazzi's company, Gulfpark Property Management, and the administrator at Heveningham have declined to discuss the matter.

Forthcoming marriages

- Mr W.J. Bailey and Miss M.A. Alias The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs R. Bailey, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Mary Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Allan, of Edenbridge, Kent.

OBITUARY PROFESSOR DOMINICA LEGGE

Eminent Anglo-Norman scholar

Professor Dominica Legge, Personal Professor of French (Anglo-Norman studies) at Edinburgh from 1968 to 1973, died on December 10, at the age of 81.

She was one of a generation of eminent scholars who devoted their lives to the analysis of the civilization established in England in the centuries immediately following the Norman conquest.

Mary Dominica Legge was born on March 26, 1905, and educated at Liverpool College, Huyton, and at Somerville College, Oxford.

After a distinguished undergraduate and postgraduate career, she took up an appointment in 1938 in the French department at Royal Holloway College.

She worked briefly at University College, Dundee, and as a voluntary civil servant with the Board of Trade before being appointed to Edinburgh in 1943. There she was made Reader in 1953 and given a personal chair in Anglo-Norman studies in 1968.

Dominica Legge combined the skills of the historian with those of the historical philologist and student of manners. Her major work, Anglo-Norman Literature and its Background, showed these gifts to perfection, as did also her study, Anglo-Norman in the Cloisters.

For generations of students she was an inspiration in finding a way to understand the medieval mind, in France as well as in England. By her colleagues and friends she was also appreciated for her ability to illustrate, on the spot, how medieval music might have sounded.

Her scholarship was recognized by election as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, as an honorary Fellow of Somerville College and by the award from the French government of the Palmes Académiques.

She was unmarried. MR HENRY WINSTON

Mr Henry Winston, chairman of the Communist Party of the USA, and a campaigner on behalf of his fellow-blacks, died in Moscow on December 12, while on a visit for treatment of a brain tumour. He was 75.

Born into a family of Mississippi sharecroppers, he was active in the unemployed councils and in the Southern Negro Youth Congress during the Depression, before joining the Communist Party in 1933.

After war service with the US Army in Europe, he became organization secretary in 1947.

In the 1950s he was gaoled for eight years on charges of conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of the US government.

In prison he went blind, which he always attributed to negligent medical treatment of an eye condition.

He became chairman of the party, which has fewer than 20,000 members, in 1966.

Among his books were Strategy for a Black Agenda and Class, Race and Black Liberation.

He leaves a widow, Fern, and a daughter. MR WALTER HILL

Mr Walter Hill, secretary-general of the International Chamber of Commerce from 1937 to 1973, died on December 6. He was 82.

Educated at the London School of Economics, he joined The Economist in 1928, and later became the first director of its intelligence unit.

In 1946 he went to Washington to join the newly-created World Bank. Two years later he was posted to its Paris office where, until 1955, he was involved in the bank's financing of post-war reconstruction.

He became secretary-general of the ICC at a time when it was trying to shed its business-club image and develop a practical role in the business world.

Hill's most notable achievement was the creation in 1969 of the ICC-UN, GATT economic consultative committee. CHRISTOPHER SYKES

John Amis writes: Your obituary of Christopher Sykes (December 10) contains a serious error.

Certainly he put his knowledge of music to good use in acting as producer of the BBC series The Birth of an Opera but the programmes were not, as you state, entirely his own work.

The scripts and choice of music were the work of the late Hanns Hammelmann, whose idea originated the series, and his co-writer Michael Rose, who edited the music in particular.

After Christopher Sykes left the BBC the series continued with Hallam Tennyson as producer.

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Science report The hidden oceans on Mars

By Keith Hindley

The surface of the planet Mars contains enough hidden moisture to form a planet-wide ocean half a mile deep, according to a new study of Mars by Dr Michael Carr, of the US Geological Survey at Menlo Park, California.

This startling idea of a water-rich Mars flies in the face of currently accepted wisdom, which pictures the Martian surface as a cold, dry, desert landscape swept with dust storms and with barely a trace of moisture.

To back up his ideas, Dr Carr cites evidence for vast stores of Martian water trapped within permanently frozen ground, particularly away from the feeble warmth of the Martian equator. Winding channels on Mars only have been formed by running water and much of the terrain is "softened" like grated cheese melting on a pizza in the oven.

This rounded landscape is best explained, says Dr Carr, by ice making up a major portion of the ground materials, as are debris flows, criss-crossed channels and networks and the appearance of closed depressions all over high latitudes.

Nowadays the martian atmosphere is so thin that free liquid water cannot exist anywhere for long because it quickly evaporates away. Even solid ice sublimates near the equator and only remains stable where day-time temperatures stay well below freezing point.

But this has not always been so in past geological ages, the Martian atmosphere was much thicker and water could flow freely across the landscape. In the earliest period of martian history, the meteoric impact rate was high and many large craters were formed. These impacts shattered the surface to great depths and smothered the planet with loosely compacted, ice-rich materials holding vast quantities of water and capable of absorbing even more.

Dr Carr believes the planet's cratered uplands at latitudes greater than 30 degrees have retained this ice which still makes up perhaps a fifth of their bulk near the surface and down for perhaps two miles in depth.

The highlands near the equator have lost their water by seepage to form the water channels and by evaporation. Much of the moisture that ran off probably still exists either as ice in the planet's northern lowlands (where there are features reminiscent of terrestrial frozen ground) or on the deep floor of the great Hellas basin in the southern hemisphere. Most of the evaporated water was re-deposited on to the white martian polar caps which expand in winter with deposits of solid carbon dioxide from the air.

Dr Carr's modelling also suggests that large quantities of carbon dioxide and some nitrogen were fixed by geological processes. As a result carbonate and nitrate rocks should be found folded into the soils of the cratered highlands.

If water really is present in quantity on Mars it provides yet another necessity of life.

Source: Icarus, vol 68, page 187, 1986.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

BIRTHS - On December 12th, at Farnborough Hospital, to Susan and Wendy, a daughter, Ashley.
MARRIAGES - On December 12th, at Homerton Hospital, to Susan (nee Chapman) and Nick, a daughter, Alice Catherine.
DEATHS - On December 12th, at St. Luke's, Oxford, to Flora, the wife of Sir John, a daughter, Susan Leahy.

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DEATHS

ALLCOCK. On December 14th 1986, suddenly and peacefully at Forest Cottage, Cotswolds, John James Allcock, Major (Ret.), C.B., former Chief Inspector Ministry of Education.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

STUDS. Vanna Roberts, Monday December 15th 11.30am, Holy Trinity Church, Peckham, Surrey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BELL. Debra Elizabeth, formerly of 42 Winton Crescent, Edinburgh, will be remembered at St. John the Evangelist Church, London Road, Edinburgh on Friday 19th December 1986 at 10.30am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

COWARD. Sir Noel. Remembered with love on his birthday, Graham, Joyce and Joan.

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US banks
in \$75bn
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New York Reuter - Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc is merging with Chemical New York Corporation - creating the fifth largest US bank, with assets of \$75 billion (£52 billion).

Carlton to
raise £40m

Carlton Communications, the fast growing television services and satellite broadcasting company, is to make an offering of its ordinary shares in the United States in the region of £30 million-£40 million, equivalent to around 13 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

ECC jumps

English China Clays made £90.4 million pretax profits in the year to the end of September, compared with £74.6 million last year, on turnover down 4 per cent to £688.6 million. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 28.44p. A dividend of 8.25p was recommended, making a total of 12.5p for the year.

Hoskyns debut

Hoskyns Group, the computer services company, is seeking a full listing on the Stock Exchange with a 25 per cent placing of its shares by J Henry Schroder Wagg. The company is valued at £46.8 million at the placing price of 128p. The shares will yield 1.8 per cent gross. Dealings start on Friday.

BCA sell-off

British Car Auction Group has agreed to sell All-State Vehicles, its American vehicle leasing business, to Mr R E Kelly, the All-State president, for about \$15 million (£10.5 million).

Ward near

Ward White, the retail group locked in a £173 million takeover bid for LCP Holdings, is close to controlling 43 per cent of the company after further stock market purchases.

Table with 2 columns: Market Index, Value, Change. Includes Wall Street, Dow Jones, Nikkei Dow, Hang Kong, etc.

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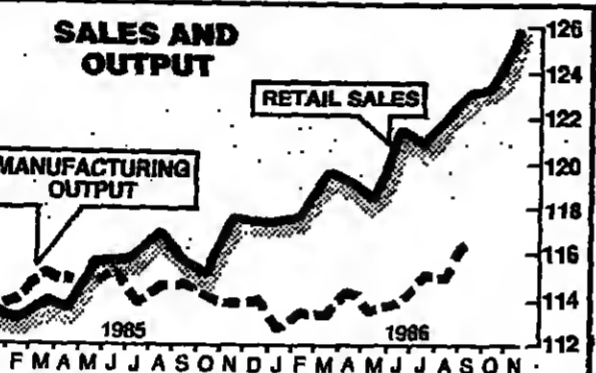
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High street sales climb 2.4%
Dramatic rise
in spending

The high street spending boom moved up a gear last month with a sharp 2.4 per cent increase in the volume of retail sales which are now on course for their strongest rise since 1978.



Mr Richard Weir, acting director general of the Retail Consortium, said: "There is no doubt that retail volume is buoyant but the experience of our members does not quite match the official figures."

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Cannon in debts
deal with Bond

Cannon Group, the Israeli-owned film makers and distributors, yesterday announced an agreement with the Bond Corporation of Australia over debts incurred when Cannon acquired the British cinema chain Screen Entertainment from Bond this year.

£8m Irish
buy in US

Cement-Roadstone Holdings, the largest industrial company in Ireland, continued its policy of international expansion yesterday by spending \$11.65 million (£8.1 million) on strategic shareholdings in two well-placed building materials operations in the US.

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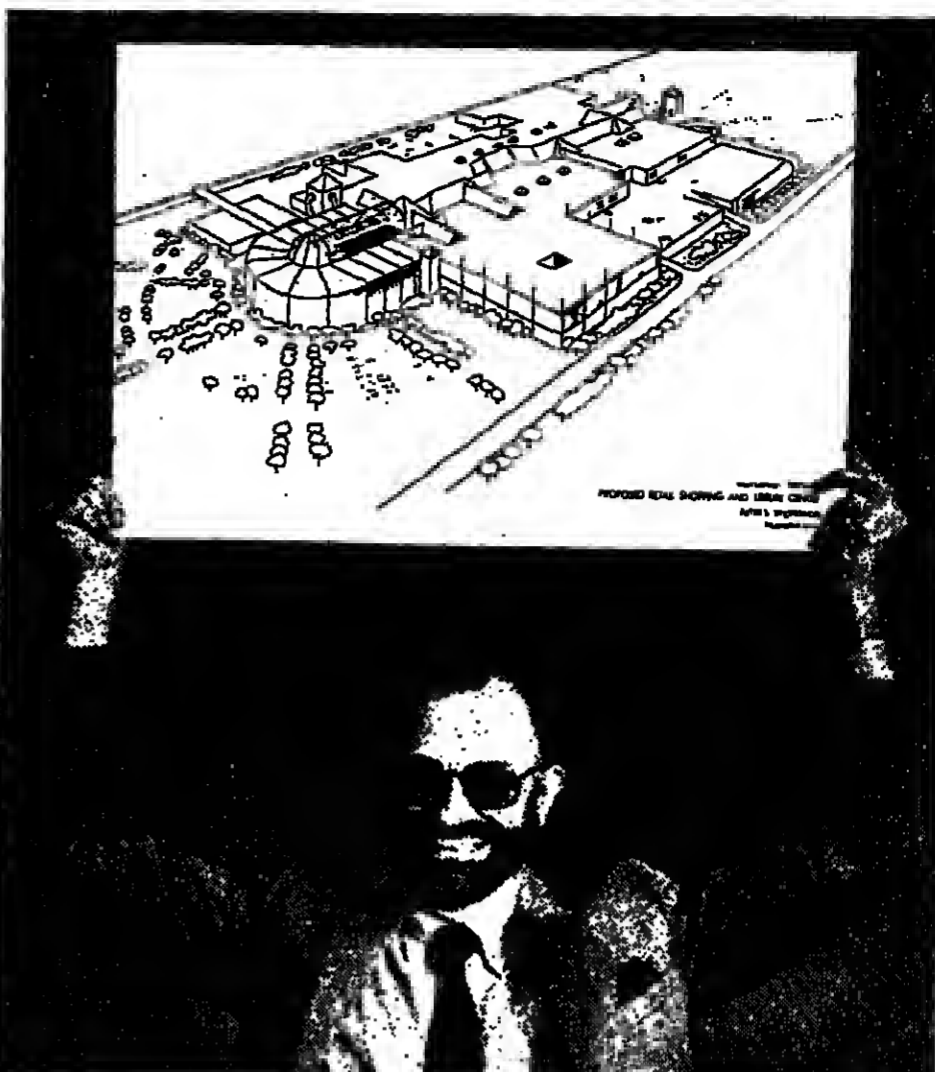
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Competition for Rover's
Scottish development

Rover's £100 million development plan, announced yesterday, for a massive shopping centre development at its redundant Bathgate truck plant site in central Scotland faces a number of serious hurdles before it becomes reality.

Talks ended

The Steelco board has ended discussions on an offer for Nottingham Brick after a sharp rise in the Nottingham share price.

Ruling
by court
on bank
capital

Banks and other public limited companies are allowed to hold their capital in a mixture of foreign currencies, according to an important High Court ruling yesterday. It means that companies will be able to structure their capital to reduce their exposure to currency fluctuations.

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WALL STREET
Dow loses ground at start

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares continued to lose ground in early trading yesterday because of a weak bond market and arbitrage-related selling.

A slightly larger-than-expected rise in last month's industrial production - of 0.6 per cent - also hit trading because it blunted optimism about interest rate cuts.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 14.20 points at 1,898.06. Declining issues led shares by a three to one margin on a volume of 36 million shares.

Texas Commerce, which has agreed to merge with Chemical, rose 1/4 to 27 1/4. Texas American rose 1/4 to 16 1/4 in sympathy, traders said.

AT&T was up 1/4 to 26 1/4. Baxter was up 1/4 to 20 1/4. Interfirst was unchanged at 5. American Electric was down 1/4 at 28 and USX was down 1/4 at 21.

IBM was down 1/4 at 126 and Freep Energy was down 1/4 at 14 1/4.

The transportation average was down 9.94 points at 824.83, utilities were down 1.50 at 208.14 and stocks, at 743.03, were down 6.51 points. Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's 100 index was down 1.74 at 233.66. The S and P composite was down 2.20 at 245.25.

Legal action to be taken by JFB against auditors

By John Bell, City Editor



Engineering group Johnson & Firth Brown is taking legal action against the former auditors of its subsidiary, Gills Pressure Castings, which recorded losses of £1.7 million last year.

In June, JFB claimed that "serious financial discrepancies" had emerged at Gills and that "financial information had been falsified over a number of years undetected by audit procedures."

At that time, the board said that the irregularities at Gills involved consistent over-invoicing and over-valuation of stock designed to produce the false impression of growing order books.

JFB's chairman Mr John Clay revealed yesterday that since the financial year ended in September, Gills had been sold for a nominal sum and that full provision of £300,000 for the loss on sale had been taken in the accounts. In addition, trading losses of £1.7 million, of which a substantial part related to previous years, were taken above the line in the profit and loss account.

A writ was issued on December 10 against Howard Tilly & Co, Gills' former auditors, seeking substantial damages in connection with

on the preference shares are to be paid and that ordinary shareholders can expect a nominal dividend on their shares of 0.25p - the first payment since 1980.

The chief executive, Mr Roy Shephard, pointed out that the reconstruction of JFB was now two-thirds complete, with debt down from £25 million to £5 million and financial stability restored.

"We no longer have to meet with our bankers on a monthly basis and we can now look cautiously for some acquisitions," he said.

Current trading was, he added, highly competitive but he and his colleagues were cautiously optimistic.

The level of activity in aerospace remained high and this was reflected in the results of Glossop Superalloys and Firth Deribon. The Firth Vickers foundry was obtaining the benefits of the rationalization with Sheepsbridge Alloy castings. Firth Brown castings returned to profit for the first time for some years and would show the benefits in the current year from the acquisition of Sheepsbridge Equipment.

But he gave a warning that the last quarter of fiscal 1986 indicated reduced demand in some of the group's businesses.

Costs drive out RFD Aviation

By Robert Rodwell

RFD Aviation, which makes inflatable life-rafts, is moving its financial management, design and engineering development sections from Godalming in Surrey to its factory at Dunmurry, near Belfast, because of high costs. The company is shedding 50 jobs at the Godalming office.

This provides a rare example of a Northern Ireland subsidiary gaining jobs at the expense of its parent company in mainland Britain.

The decision to transfer was made after a takeover last June by the plastic sheeting maker, Wardle Storeys, according to the parent company's chief executive, Mr Brian Taylor.

He said: "It costs roughly £7.50 a sq ft a year simply to have a manufacturing operation in Godalming, here in Dunmurry it is little more than a £1 a sq ft."

"But other factors are the sheer cost and unavailability of production labour in Godalming, where the age profile of our shopfloor workers has been a lot nearer 60 years than 30." Only a marketing office is likely to remain in the South-east.

The move was crucial, Mr Taylor said, if the company's cost base was to be reduced sufficiently for it to compete

in international markets and rebuild its market share.

RFD's aviation products division, which also makes Mae West life-jackets and escape chutes, is to be merged with its marine equipment division, which has been at Dunmurry since 1952.

The move, costing more than £1 million, is well under way and the Dunmurry workforce has been increased from 165 to more than 200 since August.

Six Godalming employees are being offered transfers to Northern Ireland.

One has accepted unconditionally and three others are working one-year contracts in Belfast before making a final decision.

The merged divisions will trade under the restored name RFD Inflatables.

The transfer parallels a similar move by its sister company, GQ Parachute from Woking, Surrey, to South Wales which is under way.

All parachute manufacture has been transferred and about 90 have been made redundant at Woking.

Chinatown firm to seek quote

Mr Peter Levy and Mr Jonathan Lane, both former directors of Stock Conversion, are setting up Shaftesbury, a new property company owning the heart of London's Chinatown.

Shaftesbury has acquired a £14 million portfolio from P & O, the company which took over Stock Conversion this year. The company has £10 million in paid-up equity and owns 31 freehold properties in Chinatown and shops and offices in Brompton Road, Knightsbridge.

Mr Levy, the chairman, said the company was already looking at a number of opportunities to expand and a stock market quotation would be sought soon.

Syndicates sell-off at Hogg

By Our City Staff

Hogg Robinson, the Lloyd's broker, travel and estate agency, is divesting itself of Lloyd's syndicates 2, 185 and 558.

The management of the Hogg subsidiary, Gardner Mountain, and Capel-Cure agencies is buying the syndicates for a percentage of retained profit commissions for the underwriting years 1984 to 1989 inclusive and £60,000 book value.

Pretax profit contribution to the Hogg group would have been £487,000 for the year ending last March, according to the sale formula agreed.

This month, Hogg sold off its much larger Janson Green underwriting agency business on a similar basis.

COMPANY NEWS

Holmes tops target

Holmes & Marchant, the sales promotion and graphic design consultancy, beat its profits forecast of £1.95 million, when it produced pretax profits of £2 million for the year to the end of September, compared with £1.24 million in the previous year. The total dividend is 3.15p, against 1.1p previously.

The marketing service sector remains buoyant and turnover from new and existing clients is higher in the current year. The company is at an advanced stage of talks to buy a public relations company.

● BENCHMARK GROUP: Talks are on with Chariton Seal Dimmock and Co, Manchester and London stockbrokers, which are expected to lead to a conditional agreement for the acquisition of Chariton.

● STANDARD SECURITIES: The company has purchased a freehold warehouse at Slough, Berkshire, from investment clients of Fuller Peiser. This property, which comprises 38,000 sq ft of accommodation on a site of about 1.8 acres, is let to Sempert UK until 1990. The purchase price was close to £11 million, showing an initial return to Standard of a little above 9 per cent.

● W CANNING: In the circular dealing with the acquisition of Ipeco Corp and the proposed takeover of Inhalation Therapy Services, the board reaffirms its opinion that the outlook for second half is good.

● RAINBOW CORPORATION: This New Zealand company which recently opened a British investment office has conditionally agreed to acquire 24.3 million shares (about 90 per cent) of Dah Yuan Real Estate of Hong Kong for about NZ\$27 million (£9.7 million). The company will become Raibow's holding company for its investments outside Australia and will form an important link with Rainbow's UK operations.

● BULMER & LUMB: ATC owns or has irrevocable undertakings to accept, or procure acceptance of, its offer for 3.49 million ordinary shares (40.7 per cent) of the undertaking. The offer is subject to conditions, including that 795,045 shares will cease to be binding if a higher offer is made.

● PROPERTY AND REVERSION INVESTMENTS: The board has decided that the interests of shareholders are better served by concluding the merger with Lynton Holdings. The Speyhawk proposals would have involved shareholders either selling their shares for cash at a discount to net assets or accepting Speyhawk shares, so diluting the assets backing for their investment and reducing the quality of earnings. Speyhawk has been informed that this proposal will not be recommended to shareholders.

● BROAD STREET GROUP: Permission has been granted to deal in 397,277 new ordinary shares of the USM. These shares will be issued as consideration for the acquisition of GDP.

More company news is on page 24

● LUCAS INDUSTRIES: Sir Godfrey Messervy, the chairman, told the annual meeting that, so far this year, demand in the British automotive market has been even lower than the board had expected. It cannot see an improvement during the remainder of this year - especially in the commercial vehicle and specialist sectors which are "severely depressed."

● BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY: BHP has formed a limited partnership with Advent International, with an initial commitment of about Aus\$22 million (£10.6 million). This partnership, registered in the US, has BHP as the only limited partner, providing 100 per cent of the investment funds. Advent, a Boston venture-capital management company, gives BHP access to a network of venture-capital managers around the world with over US\$1 billion (£698 million) under management in small, emerging companies.

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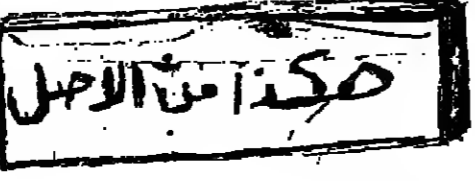
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FUTURES & OPTIONS

Testing, testing, are you there?

The Futures and Options column takes on a seance-like quality this week in an attempt to find out if there is anyone out there who has been wading through its

- 1) The date of the tin collapse in October 1985 coincided with: a) Save the Children Day b) Flag Day for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution c) United Nations Day

- 2) Which London market moves to new docklands premises near The Times next Easter? a) The London Commodity Exchange b) The London Metal Exchange c) The London International Financial Futures Exchange

- 3) Which stock exchange did the Chicago Board Options Exchange take over this year? a) San Francisco b) Philadelphia c) Cincinnati

- 4) Which futures market has the world's first fully automated trading system? a) The New Zealand Futures Exchange b) The Hong Kong Futures Exchange c) The Kuala Lumpur Commodity Exchange

- 5) Which exchange dropped its potato futures contract this year? a) The Chicago Mercantile Exchange b) The Chicago Board of Trade c) The New York Mercantile Exchange

- 6) How much gold (approximately) did Australia produce in 1985? a) 1.9 million ounces b) 2.9 million ounces c) 2.4 million ounces

- 7) The coffee price has had its ups and downs this year. What was the top price reached (second position futures, London Commodity Exchange)? a) £3,234.50/tonne b) £3,007.50/tonne c) £2,956.50/tonne

- 8) The Sydney Futures Exchange recently launched linked contracts with two overseas exchanges. Which one did it not team up with? a) The New York Commodity Exchange (Comex) b) The Chicago Board of Trade c) The London International Financial Futures Exchange

- 9) Which is the most heavily traded futures or options contract in the world? a) S&P-500 stock index futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange b) S&P-100 stock index options on the Chicago Board Options Exchange c) Treasury Bond futures on the Chicago Board of Trade

- 10) The International Wheat Council is forecasting record world wheat production in the 1986-87 season. Its figure is? a) 520 million tonnes b) 530 million tonnes c) 570 million tonnes

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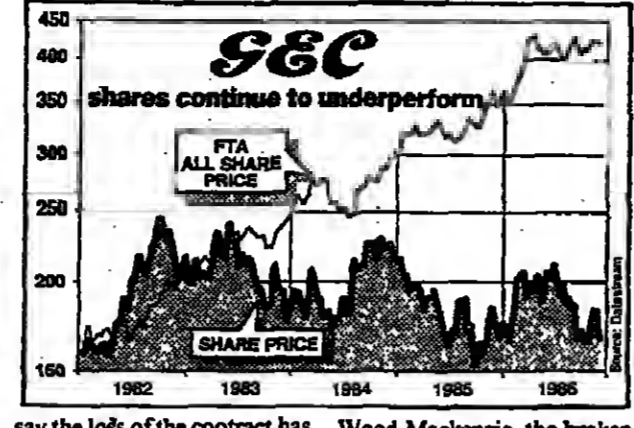
Mountleigh jumps to £13m pretax

Mountleigh Group, the fast-growing property group which relies on trading for most of its income, has reported a leap in pretax profits from £2.3 million to £13 million for the six months to the end of October.

Dealers fear GEC has lost air defence order

By Carol Leonard

The City is bracing itself for the news - expected later this week - that General Electric, the British electronics group, may have lost the airborne early-warning system order to the US.



The decision, on whether the Government will buy GEC's Nimrod or the rival, Awac system proposed by Boeing, the American avionics group and Plessey, is due to be taken at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

Grand Met names US strong man

By Cliff Feltham

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing, hotels and leisure group at the centre of intense bid rumours, has announced another key management change in a move to strengthen its United States operations.

Mr Graham Meek, the leading electronics analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, agrees. He says: "The loss of the Nimrod contract has already been discounted. The fact that the shares aren't falling any further is a sign that the shares may have bottomed-out. There is now a general feeling among investors that this may hasten the GEC management to outline its long-term strategy."

GEC's shares remained unchanged yesterday at 166p - 6p above their low for the year - even though more than 7 million shares went through the market. At that level, the group is valued at £4.44 billion.

Plessey was also heavily traded, firming a penny to 173p as more than 3 million shares changed hands. Other sub-contractors which would benefit if Boeing won also gained ground. Rascal improved 1.5p to 177.5p.

USH begins fightback with £3.2m profit

By Alexandra Jackson

The award of a £40 million contract, accompanied yesterday's return to profitability at United Scientific Holdings, the aerobically defence contractor.

He is forecasting pretax profits of £10 million in the current year and £15 million next year. "The rating of the shares is about right at this stage," he said.

This is well below the £10.1 million reported in 1984-85 and the peak profits of £15.2 million achieved in 1982-83.

The FT-SE 100 share index, notched up a gain of 11.3 points at 2 pm, but then turned lower and closed just 7.2 points higher at 1,637.0.

Oil lubricates the pound's recovery

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The unlikely alliance of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Nigel Lawson kept sterling on the road to recovery yesterday.

The result was a half a cent gain to \$1.4325 for the pound, with the sterling index up 0.1 to 68.8. Add in some indications of an easing in money market interest rates and every ingredient appeared to be there for a strong gilt market.

That said, oil is less of a petrocurrency than it was. The main effect of higher oil prices may be to counteract the pressures pointing, much less definitely than they were, towards a January sterling crisis.

The Chancellor, in his Wall Street Journal interview yesterday, apart from underlining his commitment to a sterling floor around current level, kept the European Monetary System pot boiling by repeating the "when the time is ripe" formula. It would be a pity if a return of oil-related volatility for the pound meant that even the Chancellor would have to abandon his EMS hopes.

Head start for capital

It took a foreign-owned bank to make it happen, but at the end of a 50 minute High Court judgment yesterday London suddenly found itself with an edge over its rivals in the race to be the world's most attractive financial centre.

The same goes for almost any multinational wanting to protect itself against moves in currencies in which it is heavily exposed. It should be far more attractive for foreign companies to set up operations here and put increasing amounts of business through them.

Scandinavian Bank plans to match the currencies in its capital base almost exactly with the currency spread of its assets. That is a luxury permitted by its consortium shareholding structure which enables it to get agreement to complex manoeuvres quickly.

Elsewhere, the stock market spent a quiet, but firm session, giving up some of its more heady rises when Wall Street opened in a negative mood.

Others institutions, such as the clearing banks which have already expressed their desire for dollar denominated capital, would find it harder to get approval for a total restructuring. They are more likely to limit their activity to issuing any future capital in foreign currency. Some merchant banks may find it easier to go for total restructuring.

Curse of the J-Curve may well be lifting

Ben Wrey does not look like Fu Manchu more your typical City gent.



The United States is testing the J-Curve to destruction. The dollar has been devalued by 30 per cent since its March 1985 peak. Yet the trade deficit is at record levels, with the yearly gap still above \$170 billion (£119 billion).

Very bold, as it appears to double guess the motivation behind Operation Persuasion, the US diplomatic offensive towards Europe.

Applying the rule to Wall Street suggests that New York is quite seriously undervalued. The target p/e is 14 or lower, while inflation is still only about 3 1/2 per cent. Wall Street clearly has scope to appreciate before the two components in the rule come to 20.

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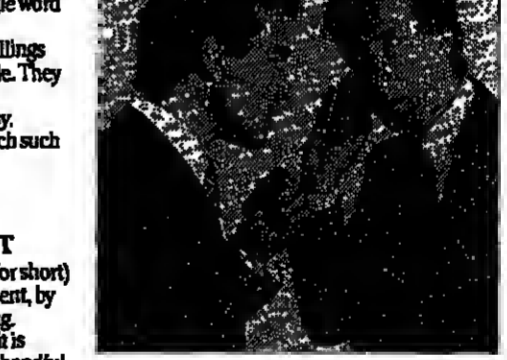
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IN THE MARKET

Curse of the J-Curve may well be lifting. The 'Curse of the J-Curve' is seen in the financial markets' sense of weary expectancy. It also helps to explain why Wall Street has been relatively dreary in the past year.

Ben Wrey's next statement is less colourful but more provocative. He sees J-Curve benefits accruing sharply to the US in 1987, with the trade balance showing improvement.

As a clincher to the argument, Ben Wrey invokes his Rule of 20. Like all good City oostrums, this is a rule of thumb ridiculed by the purists and utilized by everyone else. The rule holds that for the US system the rate of inflation and the stock market should add up to 20.

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Table showing Euro money deposit rates for various banks and currencies.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table of London traded options for various stocks and indices, including Allied Lyons, British Gas, BP, etc.

COMPANY NEWS

HALMA: Interim dividend 0.78p (0.65p) for the 26 weeks to Sept 27, payable on Feb. 9. Turnover £17.29 million (£14.32 million). Pretax profit £2.84 million (£2.26 million). Earnings per share 4.79p (3.69p). The board remains confident that the group has considerable potential for further growth.

APPOINTMENTS

Managing director named at Salomon



Salomon Brothers: Mr Peter Clarke becomes managing director on January 1. Public Relations Consultants Association: Mr Michael Joyce becomes chairman elect from next May.

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Nationwide Key Service: Mr Frank Beesley has joined the board as business development director. BEAMA Meter Association: Mr Alan Wood has been elected chairman. Cambridge Communication: Dr Michael Turton has become managing director.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Other Sterling Rates, and Dollar Spot Rates.

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Table of London financial futures for Three Month Sterling, Three Month Eurodollar, and US Treasury Bond.

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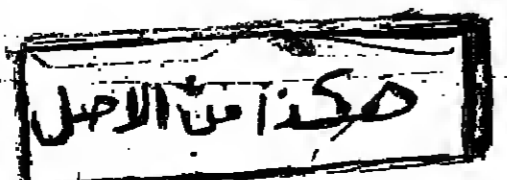
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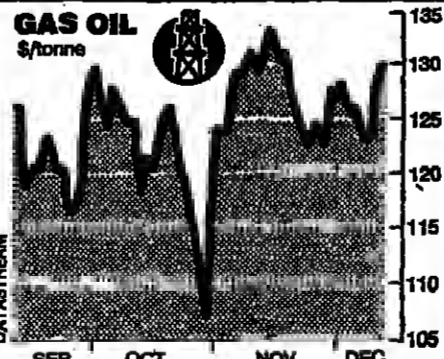
Main table of unit trusts with columns for Bid, Offer, Weekly Change, and YTD. Includes sections for All-Share, All-World, and various Sector Funds.

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Table of unlisted securities with columns for High/Low, Company, Price, and % Change.

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Gas oil is presently the most exciting market in London. Despite the prospect of an agreement at the Opec conference in Geneva...

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Table of commodity prices including metals, grains, and livestock.

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Time for a closer inspection

The work of the Factory Inspectorate is a misnomer, for it covers many sites where people work. Beryl Dixon looks at this tall order

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Factory Inspectorate is actually a misnomer. "We cover anywhere people work that is not the responsibility of one of our other inspectorates," says John Russell, area director of the south area, based in Basingstoke. "That means hospitals, docks, sports stadiums, construction sites, shipyards, fair-ground environments."

Quite a tall order, and environments really do vary. Hilary Weston, an inspector with ten years' experience, now covering the Kent-Sussex area, spent a few days, two years ago, crawling underneath the roadway under the Dartford Tunnel, examining air ducts - "It's a workplace for many people, and potentially hazardous in terms of health and safety" - she has also scaled tall ladders and crawled around inside large tanks.

Workmen in Spitalfields once inadvertently dug into a coffin containing a corpse. The factory inspector was called in and work was stopped immediately until a colleague from their specialist division ruled out the question of the corpse carrying smallpox. It isn't all headline-making work, stresses the Inspectorate, most is straightforward, but that doesn't prevent it being interesting. It's the sort of job where you can genuinely say no two days are the same.

The Factory Inspectorate has a strength of 600 - with 550 working from 20 area offices, responsible for some 400,000 workplaces. Approximately 35 per cent of the time is spent on routine inspections, says John Russell, and the remainder on reactive work - investigating complaints or accidents.

So how do inspectors decide which workplaces are due for a routine assessment? The Inspectorate draws up a plan every spring for the whole year's work. National guidelines on time allocation are given by headquarters, but each area director has discretion to vary the suggested percentages according to local needs.

Obviously there are too many workplaces for each to receive frequent visits; so selection criteria are established. Workplaces are assessed under health, safety, risk to employers, risk to the

public and the inspectors' previous opinions of managers' ability to maintain standards.

Some establishments are therefore visited more often than others, but none can be totally ignored. An inspector may find his or her allocation contains "high risk" establishments, "poor performers" and those who have not been inspected for some time.

Inspectors work in "industry groups", such as chemistry or construction, with three or four other inspectors, reporting to a principal inspector who is in turn responsible to the area director.

Hilary Weston, for example, is in a group dealing with chemicals, plastics and rubber, and also general workplace inspection in one geographical area. Once the principal inspector has divided out the year's programme individual inspectors can decide on their own year plan, with flexibility to decide the timing of their routine visits. Then, of course, things happen - and a response suddenly has to be made to a "reactive" problem.

The very flexibility involved meant that a typical week could not be described. It was suggested, however, that an average inspector would spend about 50 per cent of time out of the office, one day on routine visits and two and a half on reactive investigation.

In the office there are reports to write, meetings and discussions with colleagues, phone calls and letters from the public to deal with and reports to read. Inspectors must keep constantly up to date - it is impossible to carry the vast amount they need to know in their heads, but they must know where to look.

To help them, they have access to both area and central HSE libraries, the latter by computer. Each area office, in addition to its general role, acts as a specialist in one industry and is responsible for passing information on that area to inspectors all over the country. Basingstoke specialises in the disciplined services (police, fire, prisons), Newcastle in shipbuilding.

Inspectors don't spend their time closing down factories, nor do they "police" workplaces. They aim to advise, achieving their objectives by persuasion. But they can and do conduct prosecutions - around 1,500 a year.

"Court is one option, but we prefer to use informal procedures."

Informal procedures include persuasion, and advice - verbal - then written. If this fails, an inspector has other courses of action: issuing an improvement notice, a prohibition notice, or finally a summons. They decide which to use after weighing up the seriousness of the offence and the degree of willingness shown by the firm to remedy it.

Much can be achieved by persuasion and encouragement. Inspectors therefore must be very good communicators at all levels from director to shop floor worker, trade union representative to member of the public.

I asked John Russell what other qualities a good inspector needs. "It suits people who are naturally curious and want to take their own decisions - and at quite an early stage. They must not mind being out there on their own for 50 per cent of their time. And they need to be observant. An inspector walking apparently idly through a workplace, may have checked at least 20 different points with his eyes in a few minutes."

They do not, however, need to be scientists. Arts graduates make very good inspectors too. "You're in the business of asking awkward questions, and there is complete scientific and technical back up when needed."

For example, in a common fatal accident on a building site - the collapse of a trench - an inspector will be able to say from experience that shoring should have been provided. But an expert from the regional team of specialist inspectors will testify in court that the soil was obviously going to fall in. One of an inspector's strengths is knowing when to ask for specialist advice.

Graduate trainees are appointed for a two year probationary period. During that time they work in two different industry groups and are attached to others to obtain an all round grounding. Theoretical training is done through a combination of residential courses and distance learning.

Some modules in the training course may be missed out by graduates in technical subjects, but all are required to gain a diploma which is set by Aston University. This leads to appointment as a public prosecutor. In service training continues throughout one's career, the HSE itself arranging frequent in service courses. After a gap of several years, new graduates are again being recruited.

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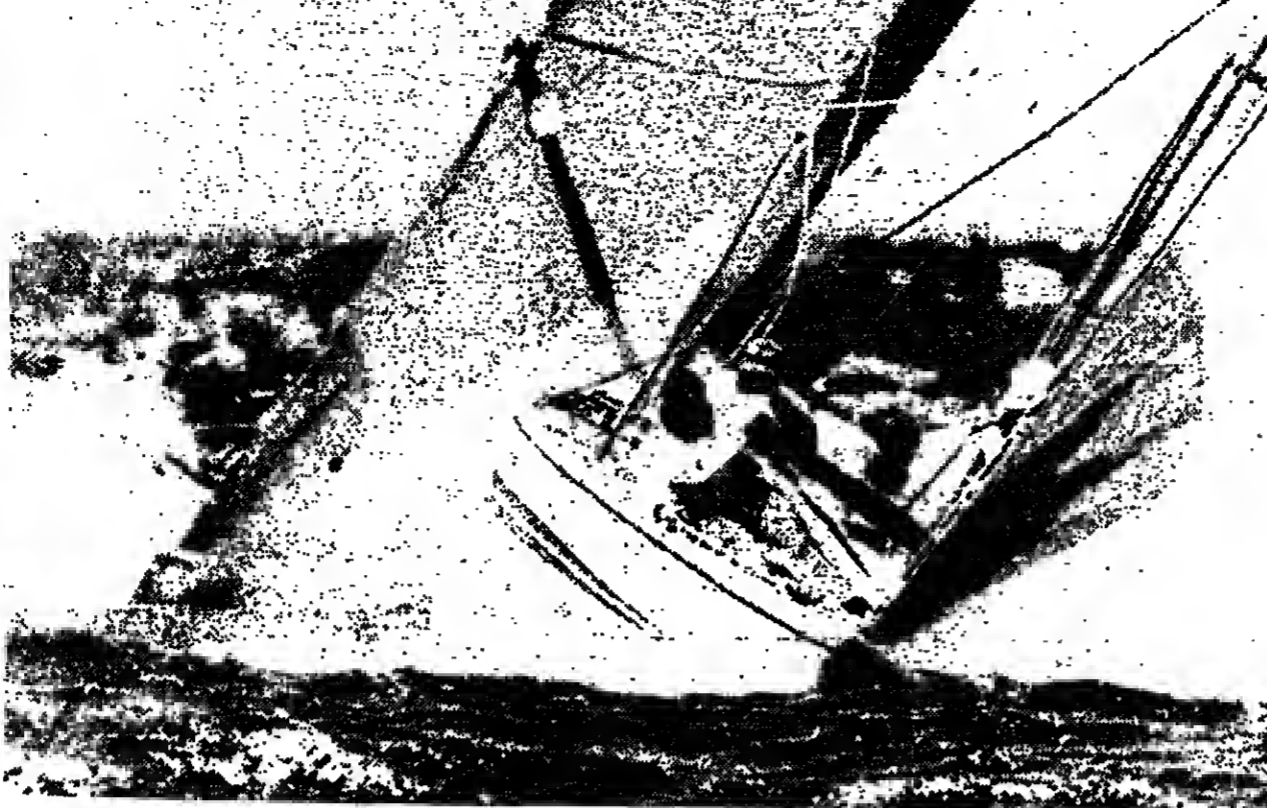
Kiss of luck for New Zealand

From Keith Wheatley Fremantle

New Zealand continued their magnificent winning streak when they defeated USA in the final race of the elimination trials yesterday.

Challenger series

Table with columns: Team, Points, Race 1, Race 2, Race 3, Race 4, Race 5, Race 6, Race 7, Race 8, Race 9, Race 10, Race 11, Race 12, Race 13, Race 14, Race 15, Race 16, Race 17, Race 18, Race 19, Race 20, Race 21, Race 22, Race 23, Race 24, Race 25, Race 26, Race 27, Race 28, Race 29, Race 30, Race 31, Race 32, Race 33, Race 34, Race 35, Race 36, Race 37, Race 38, Race 39, Race 40, Race 41, Race 42, Race 43, Race 44, Race 45, Race 46, Race 47, Race 48, Race 49, Race 50, Race 51, Race 52, Race 53, Race 54, Race 55, Race 56, Race 57, Race 58, Race 59, Race 60, Race 61, Race 62, Race 63, Race 64, Race 65, Race 66, Race 67, Race 68, Race 69, Race 70, Race 71, Race 72, Race 73, Race 74, Race 75, Race 76, Race 77, Race 78, Race 79, Race 80, Race 81, Race 82, Race 83, Race 84, Race 85, Race 86, Race 87, Race 88, Race 89, Race 90, Race 91, Race 92, Race 93, Race 94, Race 95, Race 96, Race 97, Race 98, Race 99, Race 100.



San Diego, as he showed against White Crusader.

In informal trialling, the two boats have been close in performance but in yesterday's race, White Crusader lost nearly a minute on every beat. The start, in a 20-knot breeze which should have been perfect for Britain and a shade light for Conner, was nearly an even split. Stars and Stripes had the gun by a second and also the favoured weather berth.

Blackletter tried every trick to get past but Dickson was having none of it. As the breeze freshened to 25 knots in the final hour, K27 seemed to come into her own and the final margin was just under a minute.

It was 4 a.m. when news of America II's elimination from the competition came through. By mid-morning, there had been over 2,000 calls and, by lunchtime, 7,000 visitors had been through the centre on the harbour in Lower Manhattan.

Now Fremantle is bracing itself for a week of vigorous party-going. The overall World Cup champion, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, who has continued to race despite a dislocated shoulder, failed to appear for the first time since his injury.

Americans fail to close technology gap

The removal of three of the United States challengers from the America's Cup before the semi-finals, including the early favourite, John Kollins and his America II group representing the New York Yacht Club, underlines just how much the latest tank-testing methods and computer-aided research has undermined the free hand designers once had to draw exactly what pleased them.

foreign test tanks, only if their own country has no facilities of its own. That ruling came back to roost when Australia finally won the Cup, for in reality, the Americans, British and French had just two years to jump the technological gap while the Australian, New Zealand and Italian syndicates had free access to Dutch facilities.

The Americans called on some of the most impressive brains in the country, from NASA and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, investing more than \$10 million into raw research. In the end, however, the only innovation this produced was Tom Blackletter's twin-ruddered USA, which now meets Dennis Cosner's conventionally designed Stars and Stripes for a place in the final trials.

The French, who have never done well in America's Cup competition turned to their own aerospace industry and trusted in computer technology alone to finalise the innovative lines of French Kiss, which now meets the all-conquering New Zealand IV in the semi-finals.

For their part the New Zealanders, who began their research in Holland are banking on glass reinforced plastic construction to take them through to the finals against Australia. This controversial construction method is said to have produced a 20% advantage in longitudinal stiffness over alloy built boats.

RACKETS

No shortage of challengers

Another chapter closed in the saga of encounters between John Prens and William Boone when Prens regained the World Championship from his formidable adversary last week-end, albeit by a fractional margin. Calculations of Byzantine intricacy would have been necessary at Queen's Club had the legs been equal, for points would have been the decider. Eventually after five sets and a half hours of play in New York and London, Prens won by 8-6 in games but only 12 points separated the contenders.

HOCKEY

England's proviso on Dublin

England have agreed to take part in the Home Countries Cup with a first round home match against Wales on February 1 next year. The draw for the northern section of the competition brings some of the leading London League clubs into contention. Slough meeting Bromley, Spencer opposing Guildford, and Blackheath taking an Teddyington. Familiar rivalry also occurs in the western section where Exeter are drawn to meet Exeter University and Firebrands play West Gloucestershire.

FOOTBALL

Benfica upended by Sporting

If local derbies are supposed to be tense, closely-fought affairs, then nobody bothered to tell Benfica and Sporting Lisbon on Sunday. Their match ended in a 7-1 win for Sporting, an extraordinary result against a team who were leading the league this season.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ARGENTINE: Ferro Carril Oeste 0, Temperley 0; San Lorenzo 0, Almirante Brown 0; Independiente 0, River Plate 0; Estudiantes 0, Boca Juniors 0; Racing Club 0, Lanus 0; San Martin 0, Talleres 0; Newell's Old Boys 0, Racing Club 0; Vélez Sarsfield 2, Deportivo Italiano 0; Boca Juniors 0, River Plate 0; Estudiantes 0, Boca Juniors 0; Racing Club 0, Lanus 0; San Martin 0, Talleres 0; Newell's Old Boys 0, Racing Club 0; Vélez Sarsfield 2, Deportivo Italiano 0.

TENNIS

Australia move indoors

Melbourne (Reuters) - Australia's preparations for the Davis Cup final against Sweden, the holders, later this month are being hampered by heavy rain. Storms have forced the non-playing captain, Neale Fraser, and his squad to practice indoors for the past three days. With only a five-hour workout on the grass courts of Kooyung here, venue for the December 26-28 final, Fraser said his team were "a bit scratchy, but they'll get better. Three days indoors and then out playing on a fast grass court is no ideal preparation."

REAL TENNIS

Johnson's first title

David Johnson, of Queen's Club, won the first title in his long career as a real tennis professional when he secured the Cot d'Estournel French Open doubles championship by beating Wayne Davies and Peter de Svastich 6-3, 6-2 at Bordeaux.

SKIING

Gaspoz's victory encourages Swiss

La Villa, Italy (Reuters) - Joel Gaspoz restored some pride in the Swiss men's team yesterday by recording their first win in a technical event in this season's Alpine ski World Cup. Gaspoz produced two good runs to win the third giant slalom of the season with something to spare in a total time of 2min 46.34sec.

BOBSLEIGH

E German sledge banned by governing body

Stand up and take a bow the Federation of International Bobsleighing and Tobogganing (FIBT). Their decision to ban East Germany's controversial new two-man sledges from future international competition, including next month's world championships in St. Moritz, must go down as one of the boldest and most welcome acts of sporting officialdom of 1986.

TABLE TENNIS

England omit Grundy to face tie with Jiang

Tokyo (AP) - World champion Jiang Jialiang of China advanced Monday to the quarter-finals of the second Euro-Asia tournament, but Jorgen Persson, the second-seeded Swede, was eliminated. Jiang, the 21-year-old No. 1 seed, used short, speedy shots to beat Tibor Kampar of Hungary 2-1, 2-1, 2-1, 2-1.

Advertisement for 'rector' and 'lomon' products, including contact information for Mr. Robert and Mr. Colia.

Advertisement for 'England omit Grundy to face tie with Jiang' with a large graphic and text detailing the tennis tournament results and player information.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

A two-night A to Z of apartheid

As an analysis of the one racial conflict that has world-wide repercussions, Granada Television's Apartheid (ITV, 9.00pm and 10.30pm, and tomorrow night at the same time) is without precedent...

CHOICE

Introduction of detention without trial that was euphemistically called social isolation. The latter is a euphemism for the Boer War, the growth of the Afrikaans and African nationalist movements...

feast of music and the spoken word that will be broadcast live from Westminster Abbey succeeds in capturing the essence of the man whose own commentaries never failed to get the full measure of ceremonial occasions such as tonight's...

(Radio 4, 8.30pm) is Antony Hopkins's report on Pavilion Opera who take Verdi, Mozart and Donizetti to stately homes and perform on a 12ft by 18ft carpet. No orchestra, just a piano - and a chorus only when it is absolutely impossible to do without one...



Peter Davalle Dr Maitland: "Apartheid" was his slogan: Apartheid, on ITV, 9.00pm

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Maurice Denham, Wendy Hiller and Harry Andrews in episode two of All Passion Spent (BBC2, 9.00pm)



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SPORT

Sports Council takes on new role

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council has increased its power, and become even more closely linked with the Government...

In future, the Sports Council will directly brief Mr Dick Tracy, the Sports Minister, rather than have its opinions filtered through the relevant division at the department...

Sebastian Coe, a vice-chairman, pointed out yesterday that the Sports Council could in future be looking at matters like the relationship of the Football League and the Football Association...

In the past Mr David Teasdale, an assistant secretary at the Department of the Environment, had attended council meetings as an assessor, acting as a go-between between the Minister and the Sports Council...

Mr John Wheatley, the council's director general, sees the new moves as a "clarification of the roles..."

Still at issue between the Government and the council is the grant of £36.9 million which has been allocated for 1987-88...

Mr John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council and of Liverpool Football Club, said yesterday that he had met Mr Nicholas Ridley...

The Sports Council has also allocated £250,000 to support sports medicine and sports science in Britain...

Bowlers shown up by pitch too true to be good

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Adelaide

It seems as though we have seen the best of the Third Test match which finishes here today...

In contrast to the previous day, there was now little attractive cricket. Rather than 320 runs being made, only 188 were...

In an ideal world England might have closed their first innings in the hope that Australia would respond with a sporting declaration today...

Paramount, of course, in shaping the course of the game has been the pitch. It is too good to be true...

A vintage Australian attack, or the current West Indians, would no doubt have made something of it...

He began by smashing the last ball of the first over, a long hop from Reid, through the covers for four...

If there was a silver lining for Australia it was in the bowling of Sleep, whom no one played with real confidence...

It was Sleep who had Richards caught at backward square leg, mis-cuing a sweep. That was 422 for 7...

covers for four, a stroke of great confidence. But in the end Reid got the better of him, bowling very well on a warm but humid morning...

Botham may play in Hobart Adelaide (Roster) - Ian Botham may be fit to play in England's next tour match against Tasmania in Hobart...

When the spinners came on after 80 minutes (17 overs), Australia were 24 for 2. Dilley had got one to lift at Jones...

But Marsh has learnt a lot of the answers; Border was very solid, and there were only 20 minutes left when Marsh played too soon...

So, gradually, the draw became ever more probable. At lunch, England were 409 for 6, and they went on to pass 450 in their first innings...

I suppose it just could be that if they lay on the usual turning pitch at Sydney, England will have two leg spinners to contend with - Sleep and Holland - and that could be interesting...

In the week that the club's franchise had been put up for sale and two players had gone on the transfer list, things finally look up for HomeSpire Bolton and Bury...

famous filibuster, also when England had a Test match to save. In partnership with Compton he battled for 97 minutes before scoring...

The last two wickets yesterday were shared, deservedly, between Reid and Sleep, Edmonds being caught at silly mid-off...

Required to bowl a minimum of only 37 overs in 2 hours 40 minutes before the close of play, England took their time about it...

With Australia soon losing Boon, given out to the third leg before appeal in three balls by DeFreitas...

The introduction of the Moroccan Open, to be played on an outstanding course which was designed by Robert Trent Jones...

No sooner had Rangers signed yet another newcomer from English football, Neil Woods from Doncaster Rovers...

The PGA European Tour has already announced a new German Masters Tournament, to be worth in the region of £200,000...

No such luck for Sunderland. They finished with only four players on court having had four of the eight they started with fouled out...

"We are naturally delighted to have this opportunity to promote a championship of such importance at Wentworth which, of course, is where our own headquarters are situated..."

BASKETBALL

Bolton win at last to end a troubled week

By Nicholas Harling

In the week that the club's franchise had been put up for sale and two players had gone on the transfer list...

Bolton receive another struggling club Sunderland tonight, rejuvenated by Saturday's 94-81 win over Calderdale Explorers...

Doug Farrworth, Bolton's chairman and owner of HomeSpire, has sounded out football clubs within a 25-mile radius with a view to one of them talking over the franchise...

She went on: "Father's problem is that he feels guilty, for here we are, a club with professional sportsmen yet we don't even have a physiotherapist to treat them when they get injured..."

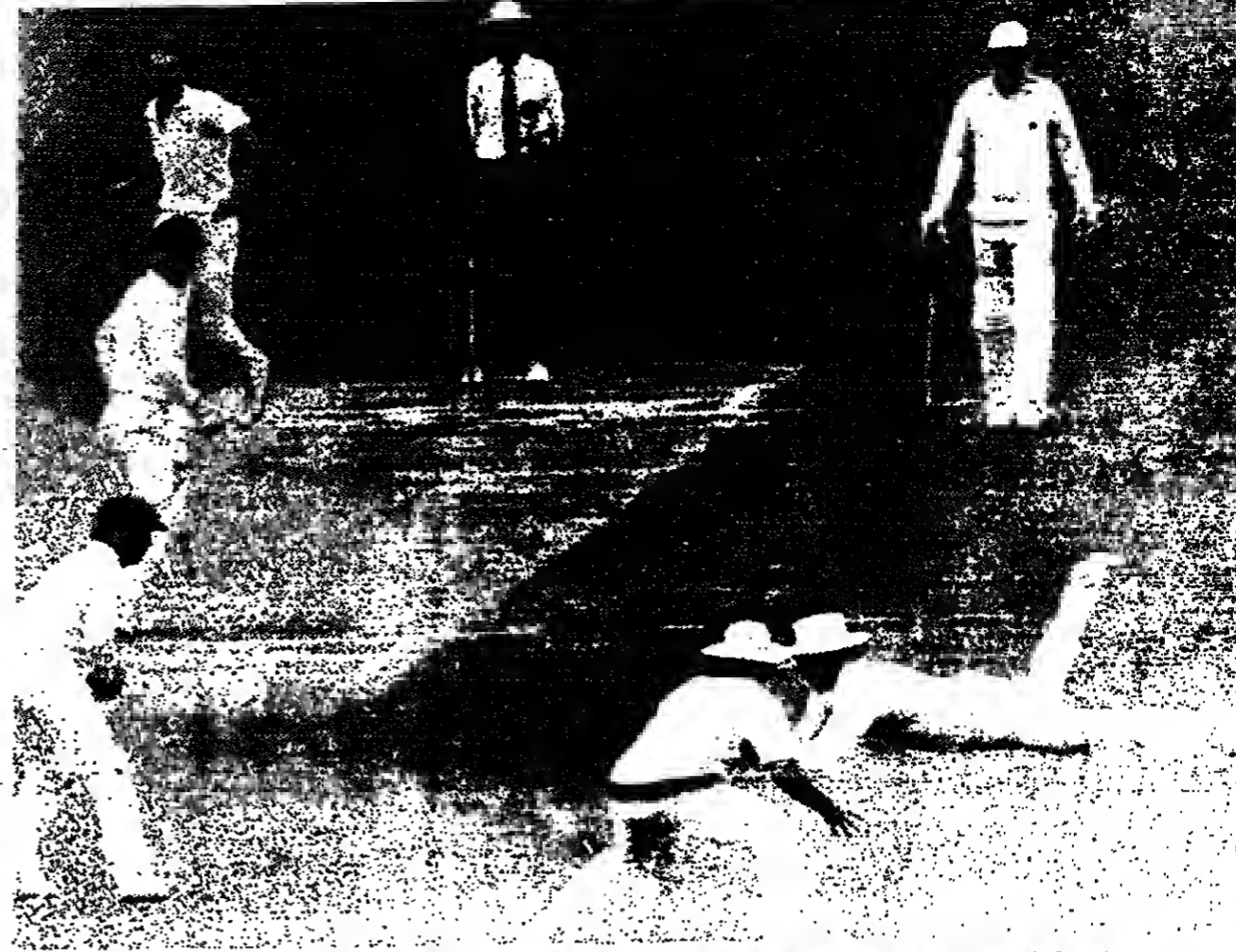
Unfortunately for Bolton, they seem to have lost the services of their experienced 33-year-old dual national Boh Martin...

Terry Crosby, who followed last week's season's best individual tally of 48 points with 41 against Calderdale, was Bolton's top scorer...

No such luck for Sunderland. They finished with only four players on court having had four of the eight they started with fouled out in the 105-100 home defeat by Leicester...

"Being in charge of this team is like taking a walk in the Lake District," said Jim Braodun, Sunderland's new coach. "You just go up and down. It's full of hills and downs..."

Peterborough United are expected to confirm the appointment of Mick Jones, the Halifax-Town manager, as their team manager today...



One that got away: Whitaker edges a delivery from Reid into the slips but Border's dive is in vain

GOLF

Morocco to stage PGA event

By Mitchell Platts

The race for places in Europe's Ryder Cup team will begin one month earlier than usual with the announcement of the new £165,000 Moroccan Open...

Ken Schofield, the Executive Director of the PGA European Tour, said: "This is a significant development in the expansion of the tour..."

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FOOTBALL

River Plate turn to the money circuit

By Gerry Harrison

When River Plate, the club from Buenos Aires, head for home today after their victory in the Toyota Cup...

The strength of River's market value is less as world champions, and more as the leading club in South America...

Speculation began when Graeme Souness made it clear that an end to Rangers signings was not in sight even though the arrival of Woods...

Woods, whose fee was in the region of £100,000, flew out with his new team-mates for a break in Majorca...

SNOOKER

Hearn's men to be absent

By Sydney Friskin

The BCE Belgian Classic, in which the world's top 16 players were to take part...

Hearn's case is that he received from the WPBSA the dates for the Belgian event, which was held in January last season...

So it was easy to sympathize with the losers in Tokyo. The Romanians, a cheerful if wary lot, had struck a hard bargain...

Their first move after the game was to transfer everyone from the hotel to the Romanian Embassy for two nights...

The Matchroom team will during the period of the Belgian Classic tour the Middle East, visiting Muscat and Bahrain...

SQUASH RACKETS

Eccentrics convert to expertise

By Colin McQuilian

The arrival of Martin Bodinmeade and Paul Carter in the finals of the London Evening Standard British Doubles Squash Championships at Caspans Club London...

For years double squash was viewed as an eccentric pastime indulged in only by a privileged few with access to an authentic doubles court...

Their opponents, Joo Cornish and Darren Mabbs, are old hands at the doubles game. It may be no coincidence that this sophisticated partnership hails from Avon...

Le Roux dates Garth le Roux, the South African fast bowler who has been with Sussex for eight years, is to have two testimonial lunches arranged for him by club's supporters...

Safety first Middlesbrough, the third division leaders, expect to have their 3,000-seat stand opened for the FA Cup third round against Preston on January 10...

SPORT IN BRIEF

Puma help for tennis

Puma, the sports goods company, have announced a package amounting to almost £200,000 to support and encourage Britain's young amateur tennis players...

Woods, whose fee was in the region of £100,000, flew out with his new team-mates for a break in Majorca...

Wayne Gardner, runner-up in the 1986 world 500cc motorcycle championship, has been named top rider in the British-based Rothmans Honda team for the 1987 competition...

Garth le Roux, the South African fast bowler who has been with Sussex for eight years, is to have two testimonial lunches arranged for him by club's supporters...

Middlesbrough, the third division leaders, expect to have their 3,000-seat stand opened for the FA Cup third round against Preston on January 10...

David Pearce, the former British heavyweight champion, who has been out of the ring for nearly three years since a brain scan revealed a congenital abnormality...

Peterborough United are expected to confirm the appointment of Mick Jones, the Halifax-Town manager, as their team manager today...

Advertisement for The Times Christmas Eve special. It includes the text "Happy Christmas Carol... Holly and Ivy say take a bough... bob bob bobbing from Robin... Hot Christmas pudding from an old flame..." and details about a special season's greetings offer in the Times on Christmas Eve 1986. It also includes a form for sending a personal message and a list of payment options (Credit Card, Visa, Amex, Diners).